

H. B. No. 294, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts and to create the Ninety-third Judicial District of the State of Texas, and for the appointment of the district judge and district attorney for said Ninety-third Judicial District, providing for holding the district courts and the terms thereof in the Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Ninety-third Judicial Districts, respectively, and providing that all process and writs heretofore issued, and all recognizances and bonds heretofore made and executed and returnable to existing terms of district court in the counties comprising said districts, together with jurors heretofore selected, are valid and returnable to the first term of such court after this act takes effect, and providing for the continuation of the existing district courts in said counties in session when this act takes effect, to the end of their terms, repealing all conflicting laws, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DINKLE, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 13, 1923.
Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 1, "An Act appropriating three million (\$3,000,000) dollars out of the State Treasury to aid and promote all the public schools of this State for the scholastic year beginning September 1, 1922, and ending August 31, 1923; providing for the distribution of same for certain purposes as available funds are now distributed; providing a penalty for violation of provision of the act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:40 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

HENDRICKS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 13, 1923.
Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 58, "An Act creating the

Krum Independent School District of Denton county, by adding to and making a part of what is known as the Krum Independent School District of Denton county certain lands and territories adjoining thereto and situated in Denton county for school purposes only; providing for a board of trustees, giving said board of trustees of said independent district power and jurisdiction over said land and territory and the inhabitants thereof; placing said Krum Independent School District under the general statutes, except as herein expressly provided otherwise, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:40 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

HENDRICKS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 13, 1923.
Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 103, "An Act for the interest of maternity and infancy welfare and hygiene; accepting the provisions of an act of the United States Congress approved November 23, 1921, entitled 'An Act for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy and for other purposes,' commonly known as the Sheppard-Towner Act; providing that the work shall be carried on through the State Board of Health through its Bureau of Child Hygiene,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:40 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

HENDRICKS, Chairman.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

(Wednesday, February 14, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Abney.	Baker of Orange.
Amsler.	Barker.
Arnold.	Barrett.
Atkinson.	Beasley.
Baker of Milam.	Bell.

Bird.	Lewis.
Blount.	Loftin.
Bonham.	Looney.
Brady.	McBride.
Bryant.	McDonald.
Burmeister.	McFarlane.
Cable.	McNatt.
Carpenter	Martin.
of Dallas.	Mathes.
Carpenter	Maxwell.
of Matagorda.	Melson.
Carson.	Merriman.
Carter of Coke.	Merritt.
Carter of Hays.	Miller.
Chitwood.	Montgomery.
Coffee.	Moore.
Collins.	Morgan
Covey.	of Liberty.
Cowen.	Morgan
Crawford.	of Robertson.
Culp.	Pate.
Davenport.	Patman.
Davis.	Patterson.
DeBerry.	Perdue.
Dielmann.	Pinkston.
Dinkle.	Pool.
Dodd.	Pope.
Downs.	Potter.
Driggers.	Price.
Duffey.	Purl.
Dunlap.	Quaid.
Dunn.	Quinn.
Durham.	Rice.
Edwards.	Robinson.
Faubion.	Rogers.
Fields.	Rountree.
Finlay.	Russell of Trinity.
Frnka.	Sackett.
Fugler.	Sanford.
Gipson.	Satterwhite.
Green.	Shearer.
Greer.	Shires.
Hardin of Erath.	Simpson.
Hardin	Sparkman.
of Kaufman.	Stevens.
Henderson	Stewart
of Marion.	of Edwards.
Henderson	Stewart of Jasper.
of McLennan.	Stewart of Reeves.
Hendricks.	Storey.
Houston.	Stroder.
Howeth.	Sweet.
Hughes.	Teer.
Hull.	Thompson.
Irwin.	Thrasher.
Jacks.	Turner.
Jennings.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Wallace.
Jones.	Wells.
Kemble.	Westbrook.
Lackey.	Wessels.
Laird.	Williamson.
Lamb.	Wilmans.
Lane.	Wilson.
LeMaster.	Winfree.
LeStourgeon.	Young.

Absent.

Baldwin.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Smith.
Lusk.	Stell.
McDaniel.	Stiernberg.
McKean.	Strickland.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence, on account of important business:

Mr. Avis, for today, on motion of Mr. Bonham.

Mr. Collins, for Monday, on motion of Mr. Jacks.

Mr. Russell of Callahan, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Green.

Mr. Harrington, for today, on motion of Mr. Bell.

Mr. Smith, for today, on motion of Mr. Burmeister.

Mr. Bobbitt, for today, on motion of Mr. Arnold.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Lusk, for last two weeks and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Bryant.

Mr. Harris, for today, on motion of Mr. Fields.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Satterwhite (by request):

H. B. No. 529, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and establish the county of Neff out of territory taken from the existing counties of Limestone, Freestone, Navarro and Hill; prescribing its area and boundaries; appointing commissioners to organize said county and prescribing their duties; providing for a division of said county into commissioners' and justices' precincts; providing for the holding of county and precinct elections for the election of county and precinct officers, and for the location

of the county seat of said county; providing for the attachment of said county to judicial, representative, senatorial and congressional districts, and supreme judicial districts; providing for the assessment and collection of taxes, for the defraying of the expenses of organizing said county and for the payment of the proportion of the liabilities of the counties of Limestone, Freestone, Navarro and Hill, chargeable, respectively, on the territory taken from them and defining such liabilities, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. McFarlane:

H. B. No. 530, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 167 of the laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, relative to the appointment of an assistant district attorney; prescribing the mode of appointment of assistant district attorneys in districts containing two or more counties, and in which district there is situated a city of twenty-eight thousand population or more according to the last United States census; prescribing the qualification of such assistant district attorney; defining his duties; providing the method of his removal from office; fixing his salary and prescribing the mode of its payment, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Crawford:

H. B. No. 531, A bill to be entitled "An Act making provision for ascertaining the correct and official weight of cotton consigned, shipped or delivered to cotton compresses, said weight to be ascertained through the State Markets and Warehouse Department, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Barker:

H. B. No. 532, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the office of juratist, and providing for their appointment, term of office, prescribing oath, providing for bond; providing also for removal of said juratists; juratists shall have seal, description of seal, powers of juratists; providing that record of their official acts shall be kept and when said juratists shall qualify."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolution, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Bryant:

H. J. R. No. 21, Proposing an amendment to Section 1, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, reserving to the people the right to propose, reject or to enact measures, and to reject or approve measures enacted by the Legislature, and prescribing rules of procedure governing the exercise of such rights.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 206, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 158, to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senate bill No. 204, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 205, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 42, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

Senate bill No. 83, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Sackett, House bills Nos. 319, 514, 505, 496 were ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Potter, Senate bill No. 278 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Barrett, House bills Nos. 519, 509, 518, 508, 234, 507-38, 504 were ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Bonham, Senate bill No. 278 was ordered not printed.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

Mr. Abney moved that House bill No. 269, reported adversely with a minority favorable report, be printed.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to print prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—81.

Abney.
Arnold.

Atkinson.
Baker of Milam.

Baker of Orange.	McDonald.
Barker.	McFarlane.
Beasley.	Martin.
Bell.	Mathes.
Bird.	Maxwell.
Bonham.	Melson.
Bryant.	Merritt.
Burmeister.	Miller.
Cable.	Montgomery.
Carpenter	Moore.
of Matagorda.	Morgan
Carter of Hays.	of Liberty.
Chitwood.	Pate.
Coffee.	Patman.
Collins.	Patterson.
Covey.	Perdue.
Crawford.	Price.
Culp.	Quinn.
Davenport.	Rice.
Dinkle.	Rogers.
Dodd.	Russell of Trinity.
Downs.	Sanford.
Driggers.	Satterwhite.
Fields.	Simpson.
Finlay.	Sparkman.
Frnka.	Stewart
Fugler.	of Edwards.
Gipson.	Stewart of Jasper.
Green.	Storey.
Greer.	Stroder.
Hardin of Erath.	Thompson.
Henderson	Thrasher.
of Marion.	Turner.
Howeth.	Vaughan.
Hughes.	Wallace.
Irwin.	Wells.
Jennings.	Wessels.
Laird.	Wilmans.
Lane.	Wilson.
Looney.	Winfree.
McBride.	

Nays—30.

Amsler.	Kemble.
Blount.	Lackey.
Carson.	Lamb.
Carter of Coke.	LeMaster.
Davis.	LeStourgeon.
DeBerry.	Merriman.
Dielmann.	Morgan
Duffey.	of Robertson.
Durham.	Pinkston.
Hardin	Purl.
of Kaufman.	Quaid.
Henderson	Robinson.
of McLennan.	Sackett.
Houston.	Shearer.
Hull.	Stevens.
Jacks.	Young.
Jones.	

Present—Not Voting.

Dunlap.

Absent.

Baldwin.

Barrett.

Brady.	McNatt.
Carpenter	Pool.
of Dallas.	Pope.
Cowen.	Potter.
Dunn.	Rountree.
Edwards.	Shires.
Faubion.	Stewart of Reeves.
Hendricks.	Sweet.
Johnson.	Teer.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Loftin.	Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Smith.
Lusk.	Stell.
McDaniel.	Stiernberg.
McKean.	Strickland.

Reason for Vote.

The reason I vote no on this measure is to sustain the report of the committee, who have studied the bill. I may favor same after looking into the bill.

YOUNG.

MOTION TO PRINT HOUSE BILL NO. 303.

Mr. Simpson moved that House bill No. 303, reported adversely with a minority favorable report, be printed.

Mr. Jones moved to table the motion to print.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—75.

Abney.	Dielmann.
Amsler.	Downs.
Arnold.	Driggers.
Atkinson.	Duffey.
Bell.	Dunlap.
Bird.	Fugler.
Blount.	Hardin of Erath.
Bonham.	Hardin
Burmeister.	of Kaufman.
Carpenter	Henderson
of Dallas.	of Marion.
Carpenter	Hendricks.
of Matagorda.	Houston.
Carson.	Howeth.
Carter of Coke.	Hughes.
Chitwood.	Irwin.
Coffee.	Jacks.
Collins.	Jennings.
Cowen.	Jones.
Culp.	Kemble.
Davenport.	Laird.
DeBerry.	Lamb.

LeMaster.	Satterwhite.
Looney.	Shearer.
McDonald.	Shires.
McFarlane.	Sparkman.
Mathes.	Stevens.
Merriman.	Stewart
Merritt.	of Edwards.
Miller.	Stewart of Jasper.
Montgomery.	Storey.
Morgan	Thrasher.
of Liberty.	Turner.
Patterson.	Wallace.
Pinkston.	Wells.
Pope.	Wessels.
Purl.	Williamson.
Quaid.	Wilson.
Russell of Trinity.	Winfree.
Sackett.	Young.
Sanford.	

Nays—38.

Baker of Milam.	Loftin.
Baker of Orange.	Martin.
Beasley.	Moore.
Bryant.	Pate.
Cable.	Morgan
Carter of Hays.	of Robertson.
Crawford.	Patman.
Davis.	Perdue.
Dinkle.	Quinn.
Dodd.	Rice.
Fields.	Robinson.
Finlay.	Rogers.
Frnka.	Rountree.
Gipson.	Simpson.
Green.	Stewart of Reeves.
Greer.	Stroder.
Henderson	Teer.
of McLennan.	Thompson.
Lane.	Vaughan.
LeSturgeon.	Wilmans.

Absent.

Baldwin.	Lewis.
Barker.	McBride.
Barrett.	McNatt.
Brady.	Maxwell.
Covey.	Melson.
Dunn.	Pool.
Durham.	Potter.
Edwards.	Price.
Faubion.	Smith.
Hull.	Sweet.
Johnson.	Westbrook.
Lackey.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.
McKean.	

RELATING TO PENITENTIARY AFFAIRS.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas:

In compliance with House concurrent resolution No. 8, requiring the Speaker and President of the Senate to appoint two business men and one woman to be members of a joint committee on the question of re-establishment and relocation of the State Penitentiary and the prison policy of this State, we do now appoint as members of said committee the following persons:

Dr. E. B. Blalock, Woodlawn, Texas; Lee Simmons, Sherman, Texas; Mrs. W. C. Martin, Dallas, Texas.

R. E. SEAGLER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE SCHOOLS OF TEXAS.

Mr. Simpson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, A resolution was introduced and passed by the House at the beginning of this Legislature giving preference on the calendar to revenue raising measures; and

Whereas, The bulk of these measures has now been disposed of by the House; and

Whereas, The Thirty-eighth Legislature has as yet done nothing toward reconstruction of our notoriously inefficient system of public free schools; and

Whereas, The urgency of the need of our public free schools demands immediate attention; be it

Resolved, That measures pertaining to the establishment of an efficient system of public free schools in the State of Texas be given preference on the calendar of the House to all other measures save and except measures pertaining to the raising of revenue.

Signed — Simpson, Melson, Green, Greer, Young, Morgan of Robertson, Dinkle, Dodd, Rice, Barrett, Harris, Durham, Lane, Chitwood, Mathes, McBride, Baird, Wilmans, Westbrook, Fields, Sparkman, McFarlane, Davenport, Price, Patman, Wallace, Dielmann, Looney.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Price moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. Greer moved to table the motion of Mr. Price, and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the mo-

tion to refer the resolution to the Committee on Rules, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to refer prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—71.

Abney.	Howeth.
Amsler.	Hughes.
Arnold.	Jennings.
Atkinson.	Jones.
Baker of Milam.	Kemble.
Baker of Orange.	LeMaster.
Baldwin.	McBride.
Barker.	McDonald.
Beasley.	Mathes.
Bell.	Maxwell.
Bird.	Merriman.
Burmeister.	Merritt.
Cable.	Miller.
Carpenter	Montgomery.
of Matagorda.	Morgan
Carson.	of Liberty.
Carter of Coke.	Pate.
Covey.	Patman.
Cowen.	Patterson.
Crawford.	Perdue.
Culp.	Pinkston.
Davis.	Potter.
DeBerry.	Price.
Downs.	Purl.
Driggers.	Quaid.
Duffey.	Quinn.
Durham.	Robinson.
Edwards.	Rogers.
Frnka.	Sanford.
Fugler.	Stevens.
Gipson.	Stewart of Jasper.
Hardin	Stewart of Reeves.
of Kaufman.	Storey.
Henderson	Thompson.
of Marion.	Vaughan.
Henderson	Wells.
of McLennan.	Wessels.
Hendricks.	Wilson.

Nays—41.

Barrett.	Lackey.
Bonham.	Laird.
Bryant.	Lamb.
Carpenter	Lane.
of Dallas.	LeSturgeon.
Carter of Hays.	Looney.
Chitwood.	McFarlane.
Coffee.	Martin.
Collins.	Melson.
Davenport.	Rice.
Dielmann.	Rountree.
Dodd.	Sackett.
Fields.	Satterwhite.
Green.	Shearer.
Greer.	Simpson.
Houston.	Sparkman.
Irwin.	Stewart
Jacks.	of Edwards.

Stroder.
Thrasher.
Turner.
Wallace.

Wilmans.
Winfree.
Young.

Absent.

Blount.	McNatt.
Brady.	Moore.
Dinkle.	Morgan
Dunlap.	of Robertson.
Dunn.	Pool.
Faubion.	Pope.
Finlay.	Russell of Trinity.
Hardin of Erath.	Shires.
Hull.	Sweet.
Johnson.	Teer.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Loftin.	Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Smith.
Lusk.	Stell.
McDaniel.	Stiernberg.
McKean.	Strickland.

PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE STATE JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Mr. Purl offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 16, Providing for committee to investigate State Juvenile Training School.

Whereas, The State Juvenile Training School, located at Gainsville, Texas, was created and established by the Legislature of the State of Texas for the purpose of caring for and accomplishing the reform of delinquent girls committed to said school in compliance with the law; and

Whereas, The practice has developed in said school of paroling inmates thereof to individuals living in and about the oil fields of Texas, and to sectarian institutions; and

Whereas, Such paroling of said girls who are wards of the State of Texas is without authority of law and is contrary to sound public policy and the welfare of the inmates of said juvenile training school; and

Whereas, Reports current over the State of Texas of improper management of said juvenile training school in the particulars herein set out are of such serious nature as to be the concern of all good citizens of Texas, and should be investigated, to the end that the facts

may be known, and abuses, if any, corrected; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That a committee consisting of five members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, are hereby appointed and constituted a committee of investigation with powers of a district court of Texas to make investigation and ascertain the facts with reference to the conduct and management of said State Juvenile Training School for Delinquent Girls, and with reference to the paroling of inmates of said school and such other matters as may appear to said committee to be proper subjects of investigation. Said committee is hereby given power and authority to summons and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of all documents pertinent to said inquiry, and to employ a competent stenographer to take down testimony and make a complete record of proceedings and hearings of said committee. Witnesses shall receive the same fees and mileage as provided for witnesses in the district courts of this State. Each member of the committee is hereby empowered to administer oaths for the purpose of this investigation. The expenses of conducting this investigation shall be paid equally from the contingent expense funds of the House and Senate of the Thirty-eighth Legislature. Said committee shall complete its investigation as soon as possible and file a typewritten copy of its report and testimony taken, together with its recommendation, with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and with the President of the Senate of the Thirty-eighth Legislature.

Signed—Purl, Baldwin, Baker of Milam, Collins, Winfree.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Satterwhite raised a point of order on consideration of the resolution on the ground that the House has already provided for matters contained in the resolution.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. Satterwhite moved to table the resolution.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—51.

Abney.	Hendricks.
Bell.	Houston.
Blount.	Jones.
Bonham.	Lackey.
Brady.	Lamb.
Burmeister.	LeMaster.
Cable.	LeSturgeon.
Carpenter	Mathes.
of Dallas.	Merritt.
Carson.	Moore.
Coffee.	Pate.
Cowen.	Patterson.
Crawford.	Perdue.
Culp.	Quaid.
Davenport.	Rice.
DeBerry.	Sanford.
Dielmann.	Satterwhite.
Dinkle.	Simpson.
Dunn.	Stewart of Jasper.
Durham.	Stewart of Reeves.
Faubion.	Stroder.
Frnka.	Sweet.
Hardin of Erath.	Teer.
Hardin	Thompson.
of Kaufman.	Thrasher.
Henderson	Young.
of Marion.	Williamson.

Nays—60.

Amsler.	Lane.
Arnold.	Loftin.
Atkinson.	Looney.
Baker of Milam.	McBride.
Baker of Orange.	McDonald.
Baldwin.	McNatt.
Barker.	Martin.
Beasley.	Maxwell.
Bryant.	Merriman.
Carpenter	Montgomery.
of Matagorda.	Morgan
Carter of Coke.	of Liberty.
Carter of Hays.	Morgan
Collins.	of Robertson.
Covey.	Pinkston.
Davis.	Potter.
Dodd.	Purl.
Driggers.	Quinn.
Duffey.	Robinson.
Fields.	Rogers.
Finlay.	Russell of Trinity.
Fugler.	Sackett.
Gipson.	Shearer.
Green.	Sparkman.
Henderson	Stevens.
of McLennan.	Storey.
Howeth.	Turner.
Hughes.	Vaughan.
Jacks.	Wells.
Jennings.	Wessels.
Kemble.	Wilson.
Laird.	Winfree.

Present—Not Voting.

Dunlap.	Wilmans.
Irwin.	

Absent.

Barrett.	Miller.
Bird.	Patman.
Chitwood.	Pool.
Downs.	Pope.
Edwards.	Price.
Greer.	Rountree.
Hull.	Shires.
Johnson.	Stewart
Lewis.	of Edwards.
McFarlane.	Wallace.
Melson.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Smith.
Lusk.	Stell.
McDaniel.	Stiernberg.
McKean.	Strickland.

Mr. Fugler moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Stewart of Jasper moved as a substitute motion that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Eleemosynary Institutions.

Mr. Sackett raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution at this time, on the ground that the time for consideration of resolutions has expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

RELATING TO TEXAS EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time.

Resolution by Mr. Rogers, relating to the Texas Employers' Insurance Association, the resolution having heretofore been read second time.

Question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

RELATING TO PURCHASE OF ANNOTATED CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time,

Resolution by Mr. Smith, relating to the purchase of Annotated Constitution of Texas, the resolution having heretofore been read second time.

Mr. Quinn moved to table the resolution.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the resolution was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—92.

Abney.	Laird.
Amsler.	Lamb.
Arnold.	Lane.
Baker of Milam.	LeMaster.
Baldwin.	LeSturgeon.
Barker.	Looney.
Barrett.	McBride.
Beasley.	McDonald.
Bell.	McNatt.
Bird.	Martin.
Blount.	Mathes.
Bonham.	Maxwell.
Bryant.	Merriman.
Burmeister.	Merritt.
Carpenter	Miller.
of Dallas.	Moore.
Carson.	Morgan
Carter of Hays.	of Robertson.
Chitwood.	Pate.
Coffee.	Patterson.
Collins.	Perdue.
Crawford.	Pinkston.
Davis.	Potter.
DeBerry.	Quaid.
Dielmann.	Quinn.
Dinkle.	Rice.
Dodd.	Robinson.
Downs.	Rogers.
Driggers.	Russell of Trinity.
Duffey.	Sackett.
Dunlap.	Sanford.
Dunn.	Satterwhite.
Durham.	Simpson.
Edwards.	Stevens.
Faubion.	Stewart of Jasper.
Finlay.	Stewart of Reeves.
Fugler.	Storey.
Hardin of Erath.	Stroder.
Hardin	Sweet.
of Kaufman.	Teer.
Henderson	Thompson.
of Marion.	Thrasher.
Houston.	Wallace.
Howeth.	Wells.
Hughes.	Wessels.
Irwin.	Williamson.
Jennings.	Wilson.
Kemble.	Young.

Nays—21.

Carter of Coke.	Lackey.
Cowen.	Lewis.
Culp.	Loftin.
Frnka.	McFarlane.
Gipson.	Morgan
Green.	of Liberty.
Greer.	Price.
Henderson	Purl.
of McLennan.	Rountree.
Hull.	Turner.
Jacks.	Wilmans.
Jones.	

Present—Not Voting.

Covey.

Absent.

Atkinson.	Patman.
Baker of Orange.	Pool.
Brady.	Pope.
Cable.	Shearer.
Carpenter	Shires.
of Matagorda.	Sparkman.
Davenport.	Stewart
Fields.	of Edwards.
Hendricks.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Westbrook.
Melson.	Winfree.
Montgomery.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Smith.
Lusk.	Stell.
McDaniel.	Stiernberg.
McKean.	Strickland.

RELATING TO COPIES OF MAPS
OF TEXAS.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time,

Resolution by Mr. Wells, relating to copies of maps of Texas, the resolution having heretofore been read second time.

On motion of Mr. Quinn, the resolution was tabled.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 14, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 298, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating, establishing, and incorporating Carlson Common School District No. 16 in Hidalgo county, Texas, containing a portion of the territory in Hidalgo county, Texas, heretofore embraced in Panchita Common School District No. 2, describing the metes and bounds thereof, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and maintain a horticultural and agricultural experiment station in the citrus belt of Cameron or Hidalgo county, Texas, authorizing the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to select a suitable location for said station, and empowering said board to establish and maintain the same; to

accept donations of lands, water and money for the establishment of said station, making an appropriation to pay the cost of establishing said station, and for the operation of the same, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Ponder Independent School District in Denton county, Texas, defining its metes and bounds; providing for a board of trustees thereof; vesting it with the rights and duties of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general laws of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 62, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 7 of Article 30 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, as amended by Sections 3, 8, and 9 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, providing for the changing and fixing the times of holding the courts in the Seventh Judicial District of Texas, and validating and continuing all processes and writs, bonds, recognizances and jurors heretofore selected, etc., returnable to the terms of court as they now exist, and continuing in session the district court, which may now be in session, until its term expires by law, and declaring an emergency."

And refused to pass to third reading

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Article 7355, Title 126, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, and also by adding thereto Section 1 1-2, relating to occupation taxes on itinerant merchants, or persons, firms, companies or association of persons temporarily engaging in the mercantile business, fixing penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

RICHARD BLALOCK,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

ADDRESS BY HON. BEN. T. COX.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. Ben T. Cox, who represented Taylor county in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Legislatures, is in the city and is now within the bar of the House; therefore be it

Resolved, The Hon. Ben T. Cox be invited to address the House.

Signed—Green, Rountree, Satterwhite.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action the Speaker announced the appointment

of the following committee to escort Hon. Ben T. Cox to the Speaker's stand: Messrs. Green, Rountree and Satterwhite.

The committee having performed their duty, Speaker Seagler presented Mr. Green, who in turn introduced Hon. Ben T. Cox.

Hon. Ben T. Cox then addressed the House.

SENATE BILL NO. 45 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6938 of the Revised Statutes of 1911, so as to require the marking of highway intersections and authorizing commissioners courts to have same marked by advertising concerns; prescribing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 62 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 62, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 66, Chapter 3, Revised Statutes of 1911, by adding thereto Article 4592a, defining self-rising flour and the ingredients thereof; prescribing the weight of available carbon dioxide gas and the percentage of chemical leavening ingredients; providing that the package or container in which it is sold shall be labeled in plain capital letters in the English language, stating the percentage by weight of each of the acid ingredients; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—72.

Amsler.	Culp.
Arnold.	Davenport.
Baker of Milam.	Davis.
Baker of Orange.	DeBerry.
Baldwin.	Dinkle.
Bryant.	Dodd.
Cable.	Downs.
Carpenter	Driggers.
of Matagorda.	Duffey.
Carson.	Dunn.
Carter of Coke.	Edwards.
Carter of Hays.	Faubion.
Coffee.	Fields.
Crawford.	Finlay.

Frnka.	Pinkston.
Greer.	Pool.
Hardin of Erath.	Pope.
Henderson	Price.
of Marion.	Quinn.
Hendricks.	Rice.
Hughes.	Robinson.
Irwin.	Rogers.
Jennings.	Russell of Trinity.
Laird.	Sackett.
Lane.	Sanford.
McBride.	Shearer.
McDonald.	Stewart
McFarlane.	of Edwards.
Merritt.	Stewart of Jasper.
Miller.	Stewart of Reeves.
Moore.	Sweet.
Morgan	Teer.
of Liberty.	Thrasher.
Morgan	Westbrook.
of Robertson.	Wilmons.
Pate.	Wilson.
Patman.	Winfree.
Patterson.	Young.
Perdue.	

Nays—34.

Abney.	Kemble.
Barrett.	Lamb.
Bell.	LeMaster.
Bird.	LeStourgeon.
Blount.	Looney.
Collins.	McNatt.
Cowen.	Martin.
Dielmann.	Mathes.
Durham.	Melson.
Fugler.	Quaid.
Gipson.	Satterwhite.
Hardin	Stevens.
of Kaufman.	Stroder.
Henderson	Thompson.
of McLennan.	Vaughan.
Houston.	Wessels.
Howeth.	Williamson.
Jones.	

Present—Not Voting.

Chitwood.	Simpson.
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Absent.

Atkinson.	Lewis.
Barker.	Loftin.
Beasley.	Maxwell.
Bonham.	Merriman.
Brady.	Montgomery.
Burmeister.	Potter.
Carpenter	Purl.
of Dallas.	Rountree.
Covey.	Shires.
Dunlap.	Sparkman.
Green.	Storey.
Hull.	Turner.
Jacks.	Wallace.
Johnson.	Wells.
Lackey.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Smith.
Lusk.	Stell.
McDaniel.	Stiernberg.
McKean.	Strickland.

Mr. Dodd moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 105 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 15 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, being Senate bill No. 4 of the Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, passed at its Second Called Session in 1909, and being Article No. 466, Vernon Sayles' Revised Statutes of the State of Texas; providing for the creation of a State banking board, fixing the number of members thereof, and defining the duties and powers of said board, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 106 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 106, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 473 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, being a part of Section 9, Chapter 15, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-first Legislature in its Regular Session in 1909, and being Senate bill No. 4, said Article 473 being that portion of Section 9, Chapter 15, of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-first Legislature at its Regular Session in 1909, reading as follows: 'Whenever any such State bank of whose property and business the commissioner has taken possession as aforesaid, deems itself aggrieved thereby, it may at any time apply to the district court, if in session, or to the judge thereof, if in vacation, of the district in which such bank is located and transacting business, to enjoin further proceedings, and said court, if in session, or the judge thereof, if in vacation, after

citing the commissioner to show cause why further proceedings should not be enjoined, and hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties and determining the facts, may upon the merits dismiss such application or enjoin the commissioner from further proceedings, and direct him to surrender such business and property to such State bank, and declaring an emergency.'"

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—90.

Mr. Speaker.	McDonald.
Amsler.	McFarlane.
Arnold.	McNatt.
Baker of Orange.	Martin.
Baldwin.	Melson.
Barker.	Merriman.
Barrett.	Merritt.
Bell.	Miller.
Blount.	Montgomery.
Carpenter	Morgan
of Matagorda.	of Liberty.
Carson.	Morgan
Carter of Coke.	of Robertson.
Chitwood.	Pate.
Coffee.	Patterson.
Collins.	Perdue.
Covey.	Pinkston.
Cowen.	Pool.
Davenport.	Pope.
DeBerry.	Quaid.
Dinkle.	Quinn.
Dodd.	Robinson.
Downs.	Rogers.
Duffey.	Rountree.
Dunlap.	Russell of Trinity.
Durham.	Sackett.
Faubion.	Sanford.
Finlay.	Satterwhite.
Fugler.	Shearer.
Gipson.	Simpson.
Greer.	Sparkman.
Hardin of Erath.	Stevens.
Henderson	Stewart
of Marion.	of Edwards.
Hendricks.	Stewart of Jasper.
Houston.	Stewart of Reeves.
Howeth.	Stroder.
Hughes.	Sweet.
Hull.	Teer.
Irwin.	Thrasher.
Kemble.	Turner.
Lackey.	Wells.
Laird.	Westbrook.
Lamb.	Wessels.
LeMaster.	Williamson.
LeSturgeon.	Wilson.
Lewis.	Young.
McBride.	

Nays—19.

Abney.	Bird.
Baker of Milam.	Bryant.

Cable.	Jennings.
Crawford.	Loftin.
Davis.	Looney.
Driggers.	Mathes.
Fields.	Price.
Frnka.	Thompson.
Green.	Vaughan.
Henderson	
of McLennan.	

Present—Not Voting.

Carter of Hays.	Hardin
Edwards.	of Kaufman.
	Rice.

Absent.

Atkinson.	Jones.
Beasley.	Lane.
Bonham.	Maxwell.
Brady.	Moore.
Burmeister.	Patman.
Carpenter	Potter.
of Dallas.	Purl.
Culp.	Shires.
Dielmann.	Storey.
Dunn.	Wallace.
Jacks.	Wilmans.
Johnson.	Winfree.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Smith.
Lusk.	Stell.
McDaniel.	Stiernberg.
McKean.	Strickland.

SENATE BILL NO. 108 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 15, being Senate bill No. 4 of the Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, passed at its Second Called Session in 1909, and being Article No. 486, Vernon's Sayles' Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, providing that the Banking Commissioner of Texas may take possession of any bank or trust company under the provisions of the bank deposit guaranty law of the State of Texas, and providing that the depositors of said bank or trust company in Article 448, Vernon's Sayles' Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, shall be paid in full out of the cash in said bank or bank and trust company that can be made immediately available from such bank and the remainder shall be paid out of the depositors' guaranty fund

through the said board in the event the cash available in said institution shall be insufficient and providing that only non-interest bearing and unsecured deposits shall be protected under the guaranty fund; defining public funds; providing that no deposit of public funds shall be protected under the guaranty fund or the bond security plan; that cashiers' checks, bank drafts, or exchange issued by State banks or State bank and trust companies shall not be protected under the guaranty fund or the bond security plan, and providing that no unmatured interest bearing certificates of deposit or any other kind of interest bearing deposit that shall have been changed to a non-interest bearing and unsecured deposit within ninety days prior to the closing of the State bank by the Banking Commissioner of Texas shall be protected by the guaranty fund and that no deposit made by a creditor for the purpose of converting a loan held against a debtor bank into a non-interest bearing and unsecured deposit shall be protected by the guaranty fund, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 109 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 109, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 31 of Chapter 15, being Senate bill No. 4 of the Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, passed at its Second Called Session in 1909, and being Article 515, Vernon Sayles' Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and Article 522 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, providing that all State banks or State bank and trust companies provided for in said act shall have the right to use any truthful method of advertising, prohibiting the use of any untruthful statements of advertising as to the Guaranty Fund System of the State banks of Texas, or the Bond Security Plan of the State banks of Texas, empowering the Banking Commissioner to enforce this law, fixing penalties for its violation, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 110 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 110, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 10, Senate bill No. 6 as passed by the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas in 1905, being Articles 375 of Title 14, Vernon Sayles' Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for the amount of capital stock of State banks or State bank and trust companies that may be hereafter organized under Title 14 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, or under the general laws of the State of Texas, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Price offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 110 (House bill No. 210), page 1, by striking out all of Article 375 beginning on line 22 down to the word "the" in line 28, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Art. 375. The capital stock which shall be fully paid up shall not be less than fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars for banks located in towns and villages having less than 1000 inhabitants, nor less than twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars for banks located in towns and cities having 1000 inhabitants and less than 10,000 inhabitants, nor less than fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars for banks located in towns and cities having 10,000 inhabitants and less than 20,000 inhabitants, nor less than one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars in towns and cities having 20,000 inhabitants or more."

Mr. Irwin moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Price, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—92.

Abney.	Barrett.
Atkinson.	Bell.
Baker of Milam.	Bird.
Baker of Orange.	Brady.
Baldwin.	Bryant.

Cable.	McDonald.
Carpenter	McFarlane.
of Matagorda.	McNatt.
Chitwood.	Mathes.
Coffee.	Maxwell.
Collins.	Melson.
Covey.	Merritt.
Crawford.	Miller.
Culp.	Morgan
Davenport.	of Liberty.
Davis.	Morgan
DeBerry.	of Robertson.
Dinkle.	Patman.
Dodd.	Perdue.
Driggers.	Pinkston.
Duffey.	Pool.
Dunn.	Pope.
Durham.	Price.
Edwards.	Purl.
Faubion.	Quaid.
Fields.	Quinn.
Finlay.	Rice.
Frnka.	Robinson.
Fugler.	Rogers.
Gipson.	Rountree.
Green.	Russell of Trinity.
Greer.	Satterwhite.
Henderson	Shires.
of McLennan.	Simpson.
Hendricks.	Stevens.
Howeth.	Stewart
Hughes.	of Edwards.
Hull.	Stewart of Reeves.
Jacks.	Stroder.
Jennings.	Sweet.
Laird.	Thompson.
Lamb.	Turner.
Lane.	Vaughan.
LeMaster.	Wallace.
LeStourgeon.	Wessels.
Lewis.	Wilman.
Loftin.	Wilson.
Looney.	Young.
McBride.	

Nays—29.

Amsler.	Houston.
Arnold.	Irwin.
Blount.	Kemble.
Carpenter	Lackey.
of Dallas.	McKean.
Carson.	Martin.
Carter of Coke.	Merriman.
Carter of Hays.	Montgomery.
Cowen.	Pate.
Dielmann.	Patterson.
Downs.	Potter.
Dunlap.	Sackett.
Hardin	Shearer.
of Kaufman.	Stewart of Jasper.
Henderson	Wells.
of Marion.	Winfree.

Absent.

Barker.	Bonham.
Beasley.	Burmeister.

Hardin of Erath.	Sparkman.
Johnson.	Storey.
Jones.	Teer.
Moore.	Thrasher.
Sanford.	Westbrook.
Smith.	Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

Senate bill No. 110 was then finally passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 99 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 99, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate, ratify and confirm unto Michael B. Menard, his heirs and assigns, the title to the Michael B. Menard one league survey of land located in San Jacinto county, Texas, as described in the field notes thereof made by Arthur Hendrie, surveyor, on file in the General Land Office of the State of Texas, and as delineated on the official land map of the General Land Office of the State for lands located in said San Jacinto county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 99 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Pope moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate bill No. 99 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—110.

Mr. Speaker.	Blount.
Abney.	Brady.
Amsler.	Cable.
Atkinson.	Carpenter
Baker of Milam.	of Dallas.
Baldwin.	Carpenter
Barker.	of Matagorda.
Barrett.	Carson.
Beasley.	Carter of Coke.
Bell.	Chitwood.
Bird.	Coffee.

Collins.	McNatt.
Cowen.	Maxwell.
Crawford.	Melson.
Culp.	Merriman.
Davis.	Merritt.
DeBerry.	Miller.
Dielmann.	Montgomery.
Dinkle.	Morgan
Dodd.	of Liberty.
Downs.	Morgan
Driggers.	of Robertson.
Duffey.	Pate.
Dunlap.	Patman.
Dunn.	Patterson.
Durham.	Perdue.
Faubion.	Pinkston.
Fields.	Pool.
Finlay.	Pope.
Frnka.	Potter.
Fugler.	Quaid.
Gipson.	Quinn.
Green.	Rice.
Greer.	Robinson.
Hardin	Rogers.
of Kaufman.	Russell of Trinity.
Henderson	Sackett.
of Marion.	Satterwhite.
Henderson	Shearer.
of McLennan.	Simpson.
Hendricks.	Stevens.
Houston.	Stewart
Howeth.	of Edwards.
Hughes.	Stewart of Jasper.
Hull.	Stewart of Reeves.
Jennings.	Storey.
Johnson.	Stroder.
Jones.	Sweet.
Lackey.	Thompson.
Laird.	Turner.
Lamb.	Vaughan.
Lane.	Wallace.
LeMaster.	Wells.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Loftin.	Wessels.
Looney.	Wilmans.
McBride.	Wilson.
McDonald.	Winfree.
McFarlane.	Young.

Nays—2.

Bryant.	Burmeister.
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Absent.

Arnold.	Martin.
Baker of Orange.	Mathes.
Bonham.	Moore.
Carter of Hays.	Price.
Covey.	Purl.
Davenport.	Rountree.
Edwards.	Sanford.
Hardin of Erath.	Shires.
Irwin.	Smith.
Jacks.	Sparkman.
Kemble.	Teer.
LeSturgeon.	Thrasher.
McKean.	Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

The Speaker then laid Senate bill No. 99 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 127 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 127, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 8, of the General Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, reorganizing the Thirteenth Judicial District of Texas; providing for terms of court and the organization of juries and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 127 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Carpenter of Dallas moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that Senate bill No. 127 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—106.

Mr. Speaker.	Chitwood.
Abney.	Coffee.
Amsler.	Collins.
Atkinson.	Covey.
Barrett.	Cowen.
Beasley.	Crawford.
Bell.	Culp.
Bird.	DeBerry.
Blount.	Dinkle.
Bonham.	Dodd.
Brady.	Downs.
Bryant.	Driggers.
Burmeister.	Duffey.
Cable.	Dunlap.
Carpenter	Dunn.
of Dallas.	Durham.
Carpenter	Edwards.
of Matagorda.	Fields.
Carson.	Finlay.
Carter of Coke.	Frnka.

Fugler.	Morgan
Gipson.	of Robertson.
Green.	Pate.
Greer.	Patterson.
Hardin of Erath.	Perdue.
Henderson	Pinkston.
of Marion.	Pope.
Henderson	Potter.
of McLennan.	Price.
Hendricks.	Purl.
Houston.	Quaid.
Howeth.	Rice.
Hull.	Robinson.
Irwin.	Rogers.
Jacks.	Rountree.
Jennings.	Russell of Trinity.
Jones.	Sackett.
Lackey.	Satterwhite.
Laird.	Shearer.
Lamb.	Simpson.
Lane.	Stevens.
LeMaster.	Stewart
Lewis.	of Edwards.
Loftin.	Stewart of Jasper.
McBride.	Stewart of Reeves.
McDonald.	Storey.
McFarlane.	Stroder.
McKean.	Thompson.
McNatt.	Turner.
Martin.	Wallace.
Maxwell.	Wells.
Melson.	Westbrook.
Merritt.	Wessels.
Miller.	Williamson.
Montgomery.	Wilmans.
Morgan	Wilson.
of Liberty.	Winfree.

Nays—2.

Baker of Milam. Carter of Hays.

Absent.

Arnold.	Mathes.
Baker of Orange.	Merriman.
Baldwin.	Moore.
Barker.	Patman.
Davenport.	Pool.
Davis.	Quinn.
Dielmann.	Sanford.
Faubion.	Shires.
Hardin	Smith.
of Kaufman.	Sparkman.
Hughes.	Sweet.
Johnson.	Teer.
Kemble.	Thrasher.
LeSturgeon.	Vaughan.
Looney.	Young.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

The Speaker then laid Senate bill No. 127 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Quaid, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess until 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

BILL RE-COMMITTED.

Mr. Jones moved to recommit Senate bill No. 169 to the Judiciary Committee. The motion prevailed.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Covey, by unanimous consent, House bill No. 290 was withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and referred to the Committee on Education.

SENATE BILL NO. 130 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter 8 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, approved February 12, 1915, which is entitled 'An Act to reorganize the Thirteenth Judicial District of Texas, and to create the Seventy-seventh Judicial District; and to fix the time of holding courts in said districts; and to provide for organizing grand juries at certain terms in said courts; and to provide for the appointment of a judge of the Seventy-seventh Judicial District, and to continue in office the judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District; the office of district attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial District is hereby abolished and the county attorney of said county shall perform the duties of said district attorney, and district attorney for said district, as district attorney of said Seventy-seventh Judicial District, and the clerks of the district courts in the several counties of said districts; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in

conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,' so as to read as follows, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 130 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Lamb moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate bill No. 130 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—98.

Abney.	Laird.
Amsler.	Lamb.
Arnold.	Lane.
Baker of Milam.	LeSturgeon.
Baker of Orange.	Lewis.
Baldwin.	Loftin.
Barker.	McBride.
Barrett.	McDonald.
Beasley.	Mathes.
Bell.	Maxwell.
Bird.	Melson.
Bryant.	Merriman.
Burmeister.	Merritt.
Cable.	Miller.
Chitwood.	Montgomery.
Collins.	Moore.
Covey.	Morgan
Cowen.	of Liberty.
Crawford.	Morgan
Davenport.	of Robertson.
Davis.	Patman.
DeBerry.	Perdue.
Dinkle.	Pinkston.
Dodd.	Pool.
Downs.	Potter.
Driggers.	Price.
Duffey.	Quaid.
Dunlap.	Quinn.
Dunn.	Robinson.
Faubion.	Rogers.
Finlay.	Rountree.
Frnka.	Russell of Trinity.
Fugler.	Sackett.
Gipson.	Sanford.
Green.	Satterwhite.
Greer.	Shearer.
Hardin of Erath.	Shires.
Hardin	Simpson.
of Kaufman.	Sparkman.
Henderson	Stewart
of Marion.	of Edwards.
Henderson	Stewart of Jasper.
of McLennan.	Storey.
Hendricks.	Stroder.
Hull.	Sweet.
Irwin.	Teer.
Jacks.	Thompson.
Jones.	Thrasher.

Turner.	Williamson.
Vaughan.	Wilmans.
Wallace.	Winfree.
Wessels.	Young.

Nays—8.

Atkinson.	Looney.
Carson.	Rice.
Howeth.	Stevens.
Hughes.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Blount.	Johnson.
Bonham.	Kemble.
Brady.	Lackey.
Carpenter	LeMaster.
of Dallas.	McDaniel.
Carpenter	McFarlane.
of Matagorda.	McKean.
Carter of Coke.	McNatt.
Carter of Hays.	Martin.
Coffee.	Pate.
Culp.	Patterson.
Dielmann.	Pope.
Durham.	Purl.
Edwards.	Stewart of Reeves.
Fields.	Wells.
Houston.	Wilson.
Jennings.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Russell
Bobbitt.	of Callahan.
Harrington.	Smith.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
Rowland.	Strickland.

The Speaker then laid Senate bill No. 130 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—103.

Mr. Speaker.	Chitwood.
Abney.	Collins.
Amsler.	Cowen.
Arnold.	Crawford.
Baker of Milam.	Davenport.
Baker of Orange.	Davis.
Baldwin.	DeBerry.
Barker.	Dinkle.
Barrett.	Dodd.
Beasley.	Downs.
Bell.	Driggers.
Bird.	Duffey.
Bonham.	Dunlap.
Bryant.	Dunn.
Burmeister.	Edwards.
Cable.	Faubion.
Carpenter	Finlay.
of Matagorda.	Frnka.
Carter of Hays.	Fugler.

Gipson.	Pate.
Green.	Patman.
Greer.	Patterson.
Henderson	Perdue.
of Marion.	Pinkston.
Henderson	Pool.
of McLennan.	Pope.
Hendricks.	Price.
Houston.	Quaid.
Howeth.	Quinn.
Hughes.	Robinson.
Hull.	Rogers.
Irwin.	Rountree.
Jacks.	Russell of Trinity.
Jennings.	Sackett.
Jones.	Satterwhite.
Laird.	Shearer.
Lamb.	Simpson.
Lane.	Stevens.
LeMaster.	Stewart of Jasper.
LeSturgeon.	Storey.
Lewis.	Stroder.
Loftin.	Sweet.
McBride.	Thompson.
McDonald.	Thrasher.
Maxwell.	Turner.
Melson.	Vaughan.
Merriman.	Wallace.
Merritt.	Wells.
Miller.	Williamson.
Montgomery.	Wilmans.
Moore.	Wilson.
Morgan	Winfree.
of Liberty.	Young.
Morgan	
of Robertson.	

Nays—10.

Atkinson.	Rice.
Carson.	Sparkman.
Fields.	Teer.
Looney.	Westbrook.
Mathes.	Wessels.

Present—Not Voting.

Hardin	Stewart
of Kaufman.	of Edwards.

Absent.

Blount.	Lackey.
Brady.	McDaniel.
Carpenter	McFarlane.
of Dallas.	McKean.
Carter of Coke.	McNatt.
Coffee.	Martin.
Covey.	Potter.
Culp.	Purl.
Dielmann.	Sanford.
Durham.	Shires.
Hardin of Erath.	Smith.
Johnson.	Stewart of Reeves.
Kemble.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Harrington.
Bobbitt.	Harris.

Lusk.
Rowland.
Russell
of Callahan.

Stell.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

SENATE BILL NO. 278 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 278, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Ninety-sixth Judicial District of Texas, and establishing a new civil district within the limits of Tarrant county, additional to the district courts now organized and operating in said county; fixing the terms of said court; defining the jurisdiction thereof; providing for the appointment of the judge thereof by the Governor until the next general election; authorizing the transfer of cases by and between the various civil district courts in said county; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 14, 1923.
Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. C. R. No. 15, Requesting that the Governor return to the Senate, Senate bill No. 52.

Respectfully,
• RICHARD BLALOCK,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 244 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Greer, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 244, A bill to be entitled "An Act to relieve various schools of the State by validating certain school districts, and where such districts have undertaken to provide for the issuance of schoolhouse bonds, or the levying of special taxes for any lawful school purposes, by proceedings not otherwise invalid; validating such bond issues and taxes, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Greer offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 244, line 23, by striking out the word "line" after the word "county."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 244 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 244 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Faubion moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 244 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—106.

Mr. Speaker.	Hardin
Amsler.	of Kaufman.
Arnold.	Henderson
Atkinson.	of Marion.
Baker of Milam.	Henderson
Baker of Orange.	of McLennan.
Baldwin.	Hendricks.
Barrett.	Houston.
Beasley.	Howeth.
Bell.	Hughes.
Bird.	Irwin.
Bonham.	Jacks.
Bryant.	Jennings.
Burmeister.	Jones.
Cable.	Lackey.
Carpenter	Laird.
of Dallas.	Lamb.
Carpenter	Lane.
of Matagorda.	LeMaster.
Carson.	LeSturgeon.
Carter of Coke.	McBride.
Carter of Hays.	McDonald.
Chitwood.	McFarlane.
Collins.	McNatt.
Covey.	Martin.
Cowen.	Mathes.
Crawford.	Merriman.
Culp.	Merritt.
Davenport.	Miller.
Davis.	Montgomery.
DeBerry.	Moore.
Dinkle.	Morgan
Dodd.	of Liberty.
Driggers.	Morgan
Duffey.	of Robertson.
Dunlap.	Patterson.
Dunn.	Perdue.
Faubion.	Pinkston.
Fields.	Pope.
Finlay.	Potter.
Frnka.	Price.
Fugler.	Quinn.
Gipson.	Rice.
Greer.	Robinson.
Hardin of Erath.	Rogers.

Rountree.	Stroder.
Sackett.	Sweet.
Satterwhite.	Teer.
Shearer.	Thompson.
Shires.	Turner.
Simpson.	Vaughan.
Sparkman.	Westbrook.
Stevens.	Wessels.
Stewart	Wilmans.
of Edwards.	Wilson.
Stewart of Jasper.	Winfree.
Stewart of Reeves.	Young.
Storey.	

Nays—1.

Looney.

Present—Not Voting.

Abney.

Absent.

Barker.	Maxwell.
Blount.	Melson.
Brady.	Pate.
Coffee.	Patman.
Dielmann.	Pool.
Downs.	Purl.
Durham.	Quaid.
Edwards.	Russell of Trinity.
Green.	Sanford.
Hull.	Smith.
Johnson.	Thrasher.
Kemble.	Wallace.
Lewis.	Wells.
Loftin.	Williamson.
McKean.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 244 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—103.

Mr. Speaker.	Carpenter
Amsler.	of Dallas.
Arnold.	Carpenter
Atkinson.	of Matagorda.
Baker of Milam.	Carson.
Baker of Orange.	Carter of Coke.
Baldwin.	Carter of Hays.
Barker.	Chitwood.
Barrett.	Coffee.
Beasley.	Collins.
Bell.	Cowen.
Bird.	Culp.
Bonham.	Davenport.
Bryant.	Davis.
Burmeister.	DeBerry.
Cable.	Dinkle.

Downs.	Merritt.
Driggers.	Miller.
Duffey.	Montgomery.
Dunlap.	Morgan
Dunn.	of Liberty.
Durham.	Morgan
Edwards.	of Robertson.
Faubion.	Pate.
Fugler.	Patterson.
Gipson.	Perdue.
Green.	Pinkston.
Greer.	Pope.
Hardin	Price.
of Kaufman.	Quinn.
Henderson	Rice.
of Marion.	Robinson.
Henderson	Rogers.
of McLennan.	Rountree.
Hendricks.	Sackett.
Houston.	Satterwhite.
Howeth.	Shearer.
Hughes.	Shires.
Irwin.	Simpson.
Jacks.	Sparkman.
Jennings.	Stevens.
Jones.	Stewart
Lackey.	of Edwards.
Laird.	Stewart of Jasper.
Lamb.	Stewart of Reeves.
Lane.	Stroder.
LeMaster.	Sweet.
LeSturgeon.	Teer.
Looney.	Thompson.
McBride.	Turner.
McDaniel.	Wells.
McDonald.	Westbrook.
McFarlane.	Wessels.
Martin.	Wilmans.
Mathes.	Wilson.
Maxwell.	Winfree.
Merriman.	Young.

Present—Not Voting.

Abney.

Storey.

Absent.

Blount.	McNatt.
Brady.	Melson.
Covey.	Moore.
Crawford.	Patman.
Dielmann.	Pool.
Dodd.	Potter.
Fields.	Purl.
Finlay.	Quaid.
Frnka.	Russell of Trinity.
Hardin of Erath.	Sanford.
Hull.	Smith.
Johnson.	Thrasher.
Kemble.	Vaughan.
Lewis.	Wallace.
Loftin.	Williamson.
McKean.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Harrington.
Bobbitt.	Harris.

Lusk.
Rowland.
Russell
of Callahan.

Stell.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9
ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order for this hour, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 9, Making provision for the calling of a constitutional convention to frame a new Constitution for the State of Texas.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Rountree offered the following (committee) amendment to the desolution:

Amend House joint resolution No. 9 by striking out all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. For the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people of the State with reference to the calling and holding of a Constitutional Convention, there shall be submitted to the people at the next general election the question of calling and holding a Constitutional Convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution or frame a new Constitution, the manner of holding and conducting said election and the making of returns thereof to be governed and controlled by the laws now in force in regard to general elections. If upon a count of the vote of the people of the State it be found that a majority have voted for a convention, it shall be deemed to be the will of the people that a convention be called and held to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, or to frame a new Constitution, and it shall be the duty of the Governor to issue his proclamation convening the delegates elected to said convention, as hereinafter provided, but if it be found that a majority of the voters at said election have voted against the convention, the said convention shall not be convened.

Sec. 2. The Constitutional Convention shall be composed of one hundred and eight (108) delegates, ninety-three (93) elected by the people by districts, and fifteen (15) elected at large. Each delegate in the convention shall at all times have one vote and this shall never be changed by the convention.

Sec. 3. Ninety-three (93) of such delegates shall be elected by the qualified

electors of the State as follows: The qualified electors of each senatorial district according to the senatorial redistricting act passed by the Thirty-seventh Legislature at its First Called Session, being Chapter 60 of the General Laws of said session, page 230, shall elect three delegates. All delegates at the time of their selection and when serving shall be at least thirty years of age and citizens of the United States and qualified voters of this State and shall be selected according to their ability and fitness and without regard to political affiliation.

Sec. 4. Only candidates as herein provided shall have their names printed on the official ballot for district delegates to the Constitutional Convention but the voters may write the name of any eligible person on the ballot. Candidates for election as delegates at large shall apply for place on the ticket to the Secretary of State not later than twenty days prior to the election and the Secretary of State shall certify such applications to county judges to be printed on the ballots.

Sec. 5. Candidates for district delegates to the Constitutional Convention shall be selected as follows: On September 7, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m., a precinct convention in each election precinct shall elect delegates to the county convention. The precinct convention shall be composed of all qualified voters of the election precinct desiring to attend, and shall elect from the qualified voters of the election precinct one delegate to the county convention for every one hundred votes or major fraction thereof, cast for Governor in such precinct at the next preceding general election; provided each such precinct may elect at least one delegate.

The county convention shall meet at the county seat on September 17, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m., and elect delegates to the district convention, that is, senatorial districts composed as set out in said new senatorial act. Each delegate composing the county convention shall have one vote. The county convention shall elect one delegate to the district convention for each six hundred votes in the county, or major fractional part thereof, cast for Governor at the last general election; provided, each county convention may elect at least one such delegate. Delegates to the district convention shall be qualified voters of the county but need not be chosen from the membership of the county convention.

Provided that in districts composed of only one county, the county convention shall act as the direct convention, and precinct conventions shall elect one county delegate for every two hundred votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for Governor in the county at the last general election, each precinct to elect at least one delegate.

Sec. 6. A district convention shall be held on September 27, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the county seat of the largest county of the district in point of population according to the last United States census, composed of delegates selected by the county convention of the counties in each senatorial district, and in this convention each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The district convention shall nominate candidates not to exceed six in number for delegates to the Constitutional Convention. The candidates so selected shall have their names printed on the official ballot in the election to be held at the next general election to elect delegates to the Constitutional Convention. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Sec. 7. An election shall be held at the next general election for the election of such delegates. Such election shall be governed and controlled by the laws now in force in regard to general elections, and at said election each voter, in voting for delegates, shall vote "For a Constitutional Convention" or "Against a Constitutional Convention," and the vote of each senatorial district for and against the convention and for the delegates shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the county judge in each senatorial district as provided in Article 25, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by Chapter 60, General Laws, First Called Session, Thirty-seventh Legislature, the same being the new senatorial act. If upon the count of the vote of the people of the State it be found that a majority have voted for a convention, it shall be the duty of the Governor to issue his proclamation convening the delegates elected to said convention in accordance with the provisions of this act, but if it be found that a majority of the voters at said election have voted against a convention, the said convention shall not be convened.

Sec. 8. The official ballot shall be in the following form:

Official Ballot.

There shall be called a Constitutional Convention in accordance with joint resolution of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, approved....., 1923, entitled "A joint resolution to ascertain and carry out the will of the people relative to the calling and holding of a Constitutional Convention."

For Delegates (vote for three).

(Insert names of candidates.)

For a Constitutional Convention.

Against a Constitutional Convention.

(Scratch the proposition you desire to vote against.)

Sec. 9. The persons elected delegates shall meet in convention in the State Capitol in Austin on the first Monday in the month of May, 1925. They shall be the judges of the returns and elections of their own members, and may adjourn from time to time; and fifty-five of the persons elected shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall be called to order by the Governor and shall proceed to organize themselves into convention by choosing a president and such other officers and committees as they may deem expedient, and by establishing rules of procedure; and when organized, they may take into consideration the property and expediency of revising the present Constitution of the State, or making alterations or amendments thereof, or framing a new Constitution. Any such revision, alteration or amendments, or new Constitution framed, when made and adopted by the said convention, shall be submitted to the people for their ratification and adoption in such manner as the convention shall direct; and if ratified and adopted by the people in the manner directed by the convention, it shall be deemed and taken to be revised, altered or amended accordingly, or superseded, as the case may be, and if not so ratified and adopted, the present Constitution shall be and remain the Constitution of the State.

Sec. 10. The convention shall be provided at the expense of the State with suitable quarters and facilities for exercising its functions. It shall establish the compensation of its officers and members, which shall not exceed seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars for each member as such. It shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, have such other expenses of its session as it shall deem expedient and may cause to be prepared and issued a statement

briefly setting forth such arguments as the convention may see fit relative to any revision, alteration or amendment of the Constitution, adopted by it, or any part thereof, or any Constitution framed.

Sec. 11. The Governor shall issue his proclamation upon the passage of this act directing the several officers of this State empowered by law to conduct, manage, and supervise elections, and, as now provided by this act, to hold said election and make return of the result of same.

Sec. 12. Any vacancy occurring among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention shall be filled by the Governor of Texas.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend (committee) amendment to House joint resolution No. 9, by striking out the words "at next general election," in lines 13 and 14, page 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "on the first Saturday in March, 1924."

By striking out the words "at the next general election," in line 10, page 6, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "on the first Saturday in March, 1924."

By striking out the words "May, 1925" in line 2, page 7. Insert in lieu thereof the following: "September, 1924."

By striking out words "September 7, 1924," in line 13, page 5. Insert in lieu thereof the following: "January 7, 1924."

By striking out words "September 17, 1924" in lines 22 and 23, page 5. Insert in lieu thereof the following: "January 16, 1924."

By striking out words "September 27, 1924" in lines 38 and 39, page 5. Insert in lieu thereof the following: "January 26, 1924."

Mr. Dodd offered the following substitute for the amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend (committee) amendment by striking out Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and inserting the following: "The Constitutional Convention shall be composed of one hundred and fifty delegates elected as the present members of the present House of Representatives were elected."

Mr. Satterwhite raised a point of order on consideration of the substitute on the ground that the substitute is

not germane to the purpose, of the amendment to the (committee) amendment.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

Mr. Carter of Coke moved the previous question on the pending amendments and the resolution, and the motion was not seconded.

(Pending consideration of the resolution Mr. Chitwood occupied the chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Hardin of Kaufman moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed indefinitely.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the motion to postpone indefinitely was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—33.

Abney.	Loftin.
Amsler.	McBride.
Atkinson.	McKean.
Barker.	Merriman.
Bird.	Merritt.
Brady.	Morgan
Culp.	of Liberty.
Davis.	Pool.
DeBerry.	Sparkman.
Dielmann.	Stevens.
Fields.	Storey.
Finlay.	Stroder.
Hardin	Thompson.
of Kaufman.	Wells.
Hughes.	Westbrook.
Hull.	Wessels.
Kemble.	Wilson.
Lackey.	

Nays—96.

Mr. Speaker.	Crawford.
Arnold.	Dinkle.
Baker of Milam.	Dodd.
Baker of Orange.	Downs.
Baldwin.	Driggers.
Barrett.	Duffey.
Beasley.	Dunlap.
Bell.	Dunn.
Blount.	Durham.
Bonham.	Edwards.
Bryant.	Faubion.
Burmeister.	Frnka.
Cable.	Fugler.
Carpenter	Gipson.
of Dallas.	Green.
Carpenter	Greer.
of Matagorda.	Hardin of Erath.
Carson.	Henderson
Carter of Coke.	of Marion.
Carter of Hays.	Henderson
Chitwood.	of McLennan.
Coffee.	Hendricks.
Covey.	Howeth.
Cowen.	Irwin.

Jacks.	Price.
Jennings.	Quinn.
Johnson.	Rice.
Jones.	Robinson.
Laird.	Rogers.
Lamb.	Rountree.
Lane.	Russell of Trinity.
LeMaster.	Sackett.
Lewis.	Sanford.
Looney.	Satterwhite.
McDonald.	Shearer.
McFarlane.	Shires.
McNatt.	Simpson.
Martin.	Stewart
Mathes.	of Edwards.
Maxwell.	Stewart of Jasper.
Melson.	Stewart of Reeves.
Montgomery.	Sweet.
Moore.	Teer.
Morgan	Thrasher.
of Robertson.	Turner.
Pate.	Vaughan.
Patterson.	Wallace.
Perdue.	Williamson.
Pinkston.	Wilmans.
Pope.	Winfree.
Potter.	Young.

Absent.

Collins.	Patman.
Davenport.	Purl.
Houston.	Quaid.
LeSturgeon.	Smith.
Miller.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

Question next recurring on the amendment by Mr. Satterwhite to the (committee) amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—55.

Abney.	Covey.
Arnold.	Culp.
Baker of Milam.	Dinkle.
Baker of Orange.	Dodd.
Baldwin.	Driggers.
Blount.	Duffey.
Bonham.	Dunn.
Bryant.	Durham.
Burmeister.	Edwards.
Cable.	Gipson.
Carpenter	Hardin of Erath.
of Matagorda.	Hardin
Carter of Hays.	of Kaufman.
Chitwood.	Henderson
Coffee.	of Marion.

Hendricks.	Pool.
Hughes.	Purl.
Hull.	Rice.
Jones.	Rountree.
Lamb.	Russell of Trinity.
Lewis.	Sanford.
Loftin.	Satterwhite.
Mathes.	Shires.
Merriman.	Simpson.
Moore.	Stewart of Jasper.
Morgan	Stewart of Reeves.
of Liberty.	Williamson.
Patterson.	Wilmans.
Perdue.	Wilson.
Pinkston.	

Nays—72.

Amsler.	Looney.
Atkinson.	McBride.
Barker.	McDonald.
Barrett.	McNatt.
Beasley.	Martin.
Bell.	Maxwell.
Bird.	Merritt.
Brady.	Miller.
Carpenter	Montgomery.
of Dallas.	Morgan
Carson.	of Robertson.
Carter of Coke.	Pate.
Collins.	Patman.
Cowen.	Pope.
Crawford.	Potter.
Davenport.	Price.
Davis.	Quinn.
DeBerry.	Robinson.
Dielmann.	Rogers.
Downs.	Sackett.
Dunlap.	Shearer.
Faubion.	Sparkman.
Fields.	Stevens.
Finlay.	Stewart
Frnka.	of Edwards.
Fugler.	Storey.
Green.	Sweet.
Greer.	Teer.
Henderson	Thompson.
of McLennan.	Thrasher.
Houston.	Turner.
Howeth.	Vaughan.
Irwin.	Wallace.
Jacks.	Wells.
Kemble.	Westbrook.
Lackey.	Wessels.
Laird.	Winfree.
Lane.	Young.
LeMaster.	

Present—Not Voting.

LeSturgeon.

Absent.

Jennings.	Melson.
Johnson.	Quaid.
McDaniel.	Smith.
McFarlane.	Stroder.
McKean.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.
Bobbitt.
Harrington.
Harris.
Lusk.
Rowland.

Russell
of Callahan.
Stell.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

Mr. Culp offered the following substitute for the (committee) amendment:

Amend House joint resolution No. 9 by striking out all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Thirty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas that a convention submit to the people of Texas a new Constitution, or to amend the present Constitution, be and it is hereby provided for as follows:

Sec. 2. An election shall be held on the date of the general election of 1924 said election to be governed and controlled by and under the General Election Laws of Texas, and at said election each voter shall vote for or against a constitutional convention, and there shall be printed on the official ballot the following:

For Constitutional Convention.

Against Constitutional Convention.

And the vote of each county for and against said convention shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the county judge of each county in Texas. If there be no county judge, then by the county judge of the county to which it is attached for judicial purposes. And upon a count of the vote of the people of Texas it be found that a majority have voted for a constitutional convention it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, under the direction of the Governor, to certify the returns of said election to the Supreme Court of Texas, and upon a count of the votes of the people of Texas it be found that a majority have voted for a constitutional convention, the Governor shall issue a proclamation directed to the county judges of the various counties of Texas ordering an election to be held on the 15th day of January, 1925, for the purpose of electing three delegates from each senatorial district of Texas, and to be named "Delegate to Constitutional Convention of Texas," and said delegates shall convene in the City of Austin, Texas, on the 15th day of March, 1925.

The vote for delegates to the constitutional convention shall be certified by the county judge of each county, or the

county judge of some county to which it is attached for judicial purposes, to the Secretary of State, who shall, under the direction of the Governor, certify said election returns to the Supreme Court of Texas, and upon the return of the official count to the Secretary of State the Governor shall issue a proclamation convening said delegates to meet in the City of Austin on the 15th day of August, 1925, and assume their duties under the oath now prescribed and under such parliamentary rules now governing the Legislature of Texas. However, if it be found that a majority of the people of Texas voted against a constitutional convention, then said delegates shall not be elected or convention held.

Sec. 3. It is further provided that the same mileage and per diem allowed members of the Legislature shall be allowed delegates to the constitutional convention.

Sec. 4. If said convention be ordered by a vote of the people and election for delegates to a constitutional convention, then after their election, qualification and deliberation they shall submit a new Constitution or amendments to the present Constitution to the Governor, who shall within ninety days issue a proclamation calling an election to adopt or reject said new Constitution or amendments to the present Constitution, which shall be termed "Delegates' Report" and on the official ballot of said election shall be printed:

For Delegates' Report.

Against Delegates' Report.

and said returns shall be certified to the Secretary of State under the same rule heretofore prescribed.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, further consideration of the resolution was postponed until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 14, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has refused to concur in the House amendment to Senate bill No. 62, and have asked for a conference committee to adjust the differences.

Respectfully,

RICHARD BLALOCK,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 39 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act on the subject of education, making provision for an opening exercise, in all the class and assembly rooms of the public schools of this State, to consist of readings, without comment, of appropriate passages from the Bible with religious or patriotic song; making it the duty of all school trustees, superintendents, principals and teachers, to conduct or to cause to be conducted by some one under his or her direction, the exercise provided for herein and making suitable provision for punishment and removal from office, or position, of any trustee, superintendent, principal or teacher who fails or omits to discharge the duties devolved on him or her by the provisions of this act; and also providing in a directory provision for prayer as a part of the exercise, whenever it is practicable, and exempting any child or children from participating in said exercises whose parent or guardian objects because of conscientious religious scruples."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Carpenter of Dallas offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 39 by striking out all of Section 3.

Signed—Carpenter of Dallas, Rountree.

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. McDonald the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 305 ON
ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 305, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for uniformity in ad valorem taxes for State purposes; creating a State tax board; amending Articles 7407, 7408, 7409, 7411, 7414, 7418 and 7423, Revised Civil Statutes, and adding to Chapter 4, Title 126, two new articles to be numbered Articles 7411a and 7411b, so as to effectuate the purpose of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having heretofore been read second time, with amendment by Mr. Satterwhite pending.

Mr. Satterwhite, by unanimous consent, withdrew the pending amendment.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 305 by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. In addition to other authority and duties of the State Tax Board, provided for in Chapter 4 of Title 126 of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State, said board shall perform the duties and have the authority imposed and conferred by this act looking to equalization in taxable values of property for State purposes in the various counties of this State.

Sec. 2. That Article 7564 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas shall be, and the same is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 7564. That commissioners courts of the several counties of this State shall convene and sit as boards of equalization on the second Monday in April of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable before the first day of May, to receive all the assessment lists or books of the assessors of their counties for inspection, correction or equalization and approval.

"1. They shall cause the assessor to bring before them at such meeting all said assessment lists, books, etc., for inspection, and see that every person has rendered his property at a fair market value, and shall have power to send for persons, books and papers, swear and qualify persons, to ascertain the value of such property, and to lower or raise the value on the same.

"2. They shall have power to correct errors in assessments.

"3. They shall equalize improved lands in three classes, first class to embrace the better quality of land and improvements, the second class to embrace the second quality of lands and improvements, and the third class to embrace lands of but small or inferior improvements. The unimproved lands shall embrace first, second and third class, and all other property made as nearly uniform as possible.

"4. After they have inspected and equalized as nearly as possible, and have complied with the provisions of this act, they shall approve said lists or books and return same to the assessors for making up the general rolls, when said board shall meet again and approve the same, if same be found correct.

"5. Whenever said county board shall

find it their duty to raise the assessment of any person's property, it shall be their duty to order the county clerk to give the person written notice who rendered the same that they desire to raise the value of the same. It shall be their duty to cause the county clerk to give ten days' written notice before their meeting by publication in some newspaper, but if none is published in the county, then by posting a written or printed notice in each justice's precinct, one of which must be at the county court house door. Any interested person appearing before the commissioners court, sitting as a board of equalization, pursuant to such notice, or otherwise, shall be afforded an opportunity of being heard by himself or counsel, and shall be permitted to introduce any material and relevant evidence or testimony he desires to introduce; provided, however, that any such testimony or evidence shall be in writing or typewritten, and shall be in the form of affidavit or affidavits, sworn to before some officer authorized to administer oaths. The commissioners court, as such board of equalization, shall preserve all evidence and testimony so adduced, and at such time as said board of equalization has examined, equalized and corrected values of property on the tax lists or assessments and approved the same, which shall not be later than the first day of July of each year, it shall forward such lists or assessments to the State Tax Board at Austin, Travis county, Texas, together with a complete record of the hearings had before said court as to valuations of property included in such tax lists or assessments, including the written evidence and testimony of persons introducing same before said county board of equalization, and including in writing or in typewritten form all testimony and evidence adduced before said county board of equalization touching the taxable values of any property included in such lists or assessments. The State Tax Board shall meet on the 15th day of July of each year and each and every person whose property appears upon such lists or assessments shall be charged as a matter of law with notice that such State Tax Board may at said meeting correct, lower or raise the values of each and all of the property the taxable values of which are shown on such lists or assessments, and any person desiring a hearing before said board as to the value of his property

shall make application for same to said board prior to said July 15 or else cannot be heard to complain of not being heard.

"The State Tax Board shall remain in session from day to day in such meeting and shall examine such lists or assessments and the record, and after considering same and making such investigation and procuring such evidence and information as it deems necessary and giving any person applying for same as herein provided a hearing by himself or counsel and permitting such person to introduce testimony as to the value of his property, shall approve, correct, raise or lower the values of any or all property on such lists or assessments for State tax purposes and approve such lists or assessments as to State taxation purposes.

"Said State Tax Board may raise or lower taxable values of property for State purposes on lists or assessments as the information, evidence and testimony shall justify in order to ascertain the true value. The values found by said State Tax Board shall be conclusive upon the county board of equalization and county tax officers as to tax values for State purposes, but for county purposes the county board of equalization may make its own findings, and in the event the values for county purposes as approved by the county board shall not agree with the values for State purposes as found by the State board, then the two valuations shall be shown on the approved tax lists and rolls in separate columns and taxes collected accordingly. In making its investigation the State Tax Board shall consider the record furnished by the county board of equalization, and shall also consider any other evidence or testimony that said State Tax Board desires to hear or consider, and said State Tax Board shall have authority to procure such information, evidence and testimony as it shall deem necessary in order to arrive at the true value for State purposes of property shown on such tax lists or assessments for said county. The State Tax Board shall also have authority to refuse to approve the lists or assessments, if any property in the county is omitted therefrom that should be taxed for State purposes.

"The assessors of taxes shall furnish to the board of equalization on the first Monday in April of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, a certified list of names of all persons who

either refuse to swear or to qualify or to have signed the oath or affirmation as required by law, together with the assessment of said person's property made by him through other information; and the board of equalization shall examine, equalize and correct assessments so made by the assessor, and when so revised, equalized and corrected, the same shall be approved."

Sec. 3. As soon as such State Tax Board has examined, corrected and approved for State purposes the tax lists or assessments for any county, which shall be not later than the first day of September of each year, said board shall immediately forward the same and accompanying records to the county board of equalization of the county affected by such lists or assessments. The county board of equalization shall have authority thereupon to correct, raise or lower the value of any property on such lists or assessments for county purposes in view of the findings of the State board for State purposes, after giving one week's notice in the manner provided in subdivision 5 of Article 7564, Revised Civil Statutes, of its meeting, and after giving each person whose property is to be raised in value for county purposes notice, and a hearing if he desires it. But the county board shall not lower the values of any property on such lists or assessments for State purposes below the values fixed and approved by the State Tax Board. The county board of equalization may approve the tax rolls as approved by the State board without changing the county values, leaving the same as they were fixed by the county board before submitting the lists to the State board.

When the county board of equalization has finally concluded its findings as to county values, said county board shall approve the lists or assessments as to county and State values, the State values to be not lower than as fixed by the State board, and in case of refusal of the county commissioners court as a board of equalization to approve the lists or assessments for State purposes according to the values placed thereon by the State Tax Board, the said county board may be mandamusd to do so at the suit of the State Tax Board in a court of competent jurisdiction, and it is the ministerial duty of the county commissioners court as a board of equalization to so approve said lists or assessments as to State purposes.

Sec. 4. That Article 7577 of Chapter

12, Title 126 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas shall be, and the same is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Art. 7577. As soon as the county board of equalization and the State Tax Board shall have finally examined, corrected and approved the assessor's list, the assessor of taxes shall prepare and make out a roll or book, as may be required by the Comptroller, from the list so corrected and approved, and three exact copies of the same, the original to be furnished to the collector of taxes, the second to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the third to be filed in the county clerk's office for the inspection of the public. He shall also prepare a roll or book, and two exact copies thereof, to be distributed, the first to the collector of taxes, the second to the Comptroller, and the third to be filed in the county clerk's office, of all the real and personal property which has not been listed to him."

Sec. 5. That Article 7613 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911 shall be, and is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Art. 7613. When the collector of taxes of any county shall have received the assessment rolls or books of the county, which have been made up from the lists or assessments that have been approved by the State Tax Board and the county board of equalization as provided in this act, and said rolls have been approved by the commissioners court as a board of equalization, said rolls or books so approved shall be full and sufficient authority for the county collector of taxes to receive and collect the taxes therein levied, but said collector shall have no authority to collect any State or county taxes and shall be entitled to no compensation for collecting same until such lists or assessments have been submitted to the State Tax Board as provided in this act, and approved by said State Tax Board as to values for State purposes as provided in this act."

Sec. 6. After the tax lists or assessments have been approved by the State Tax Board and the county board of equalization as provided in this act, and the changes, if any there be, made by the county board as provided in Section 3 of this act, any property owner or person rendering property for taxation may institute suit against the county commissioners court as a board of

equalization in the district court of the county affected by such lists or assessments to set aside the valuation of his property either for State or county purposes as appears on said rolls or books. The judgment in such suit shall find the true value of the property involved. It shall be the duty of the commissioners court to defend any such suit and in case of unwillingness or failure to make proper defense to same, the State Tax Board shall have authority to do so as to State tax values. In any such suit the tax lists or assessments or the tax rolls approved, as provided in this act, or certified copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of the correctness of the taxable values of the property involved in the suit. Any suit to set aside any finding on the ground that the valuation of the property as found is too high, may be instituted only by the person owning or rendering such property for taxation, and the institution of such suit shall not prevent the approval of the lists or assessments or rolls or the collection of taxes as to all other property on said rolls. No suit shall be instituted attacking any finding of taxable values of any property until the State Tax Board has passed upon and approved the lists or assessments for such county for State purposes as provided herein, and until the provisions of Section 3 of this act have been complied with, and no suit shall prevent or delay the collection of taxes except as to the property involved in the suit. No temporary, interlocutory, permanent or perpetual injunction or restraining order shall ever be issued restraining or preventing the approval of the tax lists or assessments, rolls or books, or restraining the changing or equalizing the values thereon or the collection of taxes thereunder except as to the property of the plaintiff in any such suit. No suit shall be instituted attacking the finding of the State Tax Board or the commissioners court as a board of equalization or otherwise as to State or county values or asking for injunction as to the plaintiff's property until after the State Tax Board has considered and approved the tax lists or assessments as herein provided and the county board has thereafter finally approved the same as provided herein.

Sec. 7. The members of the State Tax Board, or any auditor or employee thereof acting under authority of said board, shall for the purposes of this act have access to all public records

disclosing information relative to taxation and values of property.

Sec. 8. The collector of taxes of each county shall begin the collection of taxes annually on the first day of November or so soon thereafter as he may obtain proper assessment rolls, books or data upon which to proceed with the business.

Assessors of taxes shall between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of March of each year take his lists and make his assessments as now provided by law, and should any property be listed or assessed after March thirty-first the assessor shall proceed as now provided by law as to such listing or assessments after April 30th.

Each assessor of taxes when he shall have made the assessment of his county for each year shall, on the first Monday in May of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, carry from each person's assessment the number of acres and the value thereof on each survey of lands, lots or blocks as now provided by law, instead of on and after June first.

The assessor of taxes shall furnish the county board of equalization on the first Monday in April of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable (instead of on or after the first Monday in June) a certified list of names of all persons who either refused to swear or to qualify, or to sign the oath or affirmation, as prescribed in Title 126, Revised Civil Statutes; also a list of the names of persons who refused to render a list of taxable property as required by law.

The assessor of taxes shall submit all the lists of property rendered to him prior to the first Monday in April to the board of equalization of his county on the first Monday in April, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to be dealt with as provided by law.

It shall be the duty of the tax assessor of each county to make to the Comptroller of Public Accounts on or before the 15th day of June of each year a list or report of the total amount of property in each county subject to taxation as now provided by law.

All property shall be listed for taxation as provided by law between January 1 and March 31 of each year.

Sworn statements now required by law to be made by railroad corporations to the tax assessor on or before April first as to the property of such corporations shall be made on or before March 31 of each year, and any such

statement required to be submitted to the county board of equalization shall be so submitted as provided by law on the first Monday in April of each year or as soon thereafter as possible.

Sec. 9. The word person used in this act shall include person, corporation, firm, partnership, or association of persons wherever applicable.

Sec. 10. If any provision or portion of this act should be held invalid for any reason, it is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that all other provisions or portions shall remain in effect.

Sec. 11. The fact that there exists great inequality and un-uniformity in ad valorem taxation in this State for State purposes under our existing law, and the fact that this act is designed to remedy this undesirable condition, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and that this act shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of January, A. D. 1924, and not sooner, and said rule is hereby suspended, and it is so enacted.

Mr. Satterwhite raised a point of order on further consideration of the bill at this time, on the ground that the time for consideration of local bills had arrived.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

(Mr. Pope in the chair.)

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Barrett, Senate bills Nos. 204, 205, and 206 were ordered not printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 415 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 415, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Laparita Valley Independent School District out of a part of the Charlotte Independent School District, and a part of the Jourdanton Independent School District, in Atascosa county, Texas; defining the metes and bounds and providing for a board of trustees therefor; and defining their powers and duties; vesting it with all the rights and duties of districts incorporated for free school purposes under the general laws of the State of Texas; providing for the payment by the La-

parita Valley Independent School District of the pro rata share of the bonded indebtedness of the Charlotte Independent School District, and of the Jourdanton Independent School District, respectively, and validating said obligations; providing for commissioners of estimate, and fix said pro rata share of said bonded indebtedness, and providing for the compensation of said commissioners; repealing all special laws in so far as they conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 188 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crawford Independent School District in McLennan county, Texas; defining its boundaries, including the present Crawford Independent School District; providing for a board of trustees in said district, conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of the State of Texas upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof, or any other law or laws that may be hereafter enacted governing independent school districts created or incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws of this State; providing that the present board of trustees continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Shires moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

The Speaker then laid Senate bill No. 188 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—106.

Abney.	Barker.
Amsler.	Barrett.
Arnold.	Beasley.
Atkinson.	Bell.
Baker of Milam.	Bird.
Baker of Orange.	Bryant.
Baldwin.	Burmeister.

Cable.	McFarlane.
Carpenter	McKean.
of Dallas.	Martin.
Carpenter	Melson.
of Matagorda.	Merriman.
Carson.	Merritt.
Chitwood.	Miller.
Coffee.	Moore.
Covey.	Morgan
Cowen.	of Liberty.
Crawford.	Morgan
Culp.	of Robertson.
Davis.	Pate.
DeBerry.	Patterson.
Dielmann.	Pinkston.
Dinkle.	Pool.
Dodd.	Pope.
Downs.	Price.
Driggers.	Quinn.
Duffey.	Rice.
Dunn.	Robinson.
Durham.	Rogers.
Faubion.	Rountree.
Fields.	Russell of Trinity.
Finlay.	Sackett.
Frnka.	Sanford.
Gipson.	Satterwhite.
Green.	Shearer.
Greer.	Shires.
Hardin of Erath.	Simpson.
Hardin	Sparkman.
of Kaufman.	Stevens.
Henderson	Stewart
of McLennan.	of Edwards.
Houston.	Stewart of Jasper.
Howeth.	Stewart of Reeves.
Hughes.	Storey.
Irwin.	Stroder.
Jacks.	Sweet.
Jennings.	Thompson.
Jones.	Thrasher.
Lackey.	Turner.
Laird.	Vaughan.
Lamb.	Wallace.
Lane.	Wells.
LeMaster.	Wessels.
LeSturgeon.	Wilson.
Looney.	Winfree.
McBride.	Young.
McDonald.	

Present—Not Voting.

Dunlap.

Absent.

Bonham.	Loftin.
Brady.	McDaniel.
Carter of Coke.	McNatt.
Carter of Hays.	Mathes.
Collins.	Maxwell.
Davenport.	Montgomery.
Edwards.	Patman.
Hull.	Potter.
Johnson.	Purl.
Kemble.	Quaid.
Lewis.	Smith.

Teer.	Williamson.
Westbrook.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Lusk.
Blount.	Perdue.
Bobbitt.	Rowland.
Fugler.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Henderson	Stiernberg.
of Marion.	Strickland.
Hendricks.	Wilmans.

HOUSE BILL NO. 38 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Adams Independent School District in San Patricio county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; vesting said district with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts created for free school purposes only; providing for the assumption by said district of all existing indebtedness of the territory embraced within the said district hereby created, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 353 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe a closed season for the hunting of blue quail or scaled quail in Lampasas county, Texas, and to provide adequate penalties for the unlawful taking, slaughter, storage, or possession of same; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 319 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 319, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 45 of the Local and Special Laws of the Twenty-

seventh Legislature, same being an act to provide a more efficient public road system for Montgomery county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 319 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Driggers moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 319 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Abney.	Hughes.
Amsler.	Hull.
Arnold.	Irwin.
Baker of Orange.	Jacks.
Baldwin.	Jennings.
Barker.	Jones.
Barrett.	Laird.
Beasley.	Lamb.
Bell.	Lane.
Bird.	LeMaster.
Bonham.	LeStourgeon.
Burmeister.	Looney.
Cable.	McBride.
Carpenter	McDonald.
of Matagorda.	McFarlane.
Carson.	McKean.
Carter of Coke.	McNatt.
Chitwood.	Martin.
Coffee.	Maxwell.
Covey.	Melson.
Crawford.	Merriman.
Culp.	Merritt.
Davis.	Miller.
DeBerry.	Moore.
Dielmann.	Morgan
Dinkle.	of Liberty.
Dodd.	Pate.
Downs.	Patterson.
Driggers.	Pinkston.
Duffey.	Pool.
Dunlap.	Pope.
Dunn.	Potter.
Durham.	Price.
Edwards.	Quinn.
Fields.	Rice.
Finlay.	Robinson.
Frnka.	Rountree.
Green.	Sackett.
Greer.	Sanford.
Hardin of Erath.	Shearer.
Hardin	Shires.
of Kaufman.	Simpson.
Henderson	Sparkman.
of McLennan.	Stevens.
Hendricks.	Stewart
Houston.	of Edwards.
Howeth.	Stewart of Jasper.

Stewart of Reeves. Vaughan.
Stroder. Wells.
Sweet. Wessels.
Thompson. Wilson.
Thrasher. Winfree.
Turner. Young.

Absent.

Atkinson.	Lewis.
Baker of Milam.	Loftin.
Blount.	McDaniel.
Brady.	Mathes.
Bryant.	Montgomery.
Carpenter	Morgan
of Dallas.	of Robertson.
Carter of Hays.	Patman.
Collins.	Purl.
Cowen.	Quaid.
Davenport.	Rogers.
Faubion.	Russell of Trinity.
Gipson.	Satterwhite.
Henderson	Storey.
of Marion.	Teer.
Johnson.	Wallace.
Kemble.	Westbrook.
Lackey.	Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Russell
Bobbitt.	of Callahan.
Fugler.	Smith.
Harrington.	Stell.
Harris.	Stiernberg.
Lusk.	Strickland.
Perdue.	Wilmans.
Rowland.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 319 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—103.

Abney.	Covey.
Amsler.	Cowen.
Arnold.	Crawford.
Atkinson.	Culp.
Baker of Orange.	Davis.
Baldwin.	DeBerry.
Barker.	Dielmann.
Barrett.	Dinkle.
Beasley.	Dodd.
Bell.	Downs.
Bird.	Driggers.
Bonham.	Duffey.
Bryant.	Dunlap.
Burmeister.	Dunn.
Cable.	Durham.
Carpenter	Edwards.
of Matagorda.	Fields.
Carson.	Finlay.
Carter of Coke.	Frnka.
Chitwood.	Gipson.
Coffee.	Greer.

Hardin of Erath.	Pool.
Hardin	Pope.
of Kaufman.	Potter.
Henderson	Price.
of McLennan.	Quinn.
Hendricks.	Rice.
Houston.	Robinson.
Howeth.	Rogers.
Hughes.	Rountree.
Irwin.	Sackett.
Jacks.	Sanford.
Jennings.	Shearer.
Jones.	Shires.
Laird.	Simpson.
Lamb.	Stevens.
Lane.	Stewart
LeMaster.	of Edwards.
LeStourgeon.	Stewart of Jasper.
Loftin.	Stewart of Reeves.
Looney.	Storey.
McBride.	Stroder.
McFarlane.	Sweet.
McKean.	Teer.
Martin.	Thompson.
Maxwell.	Thrasher.
Merriman.	Vaughan.
Merritt.	Wallace.
Miller.	Wells.
Moore.	Wessels.
Morgan	Wilson.
of Liberty.	Winfree.
Pate.	Young.
Patterson.	

Absent.

Baker of Milam.	McNatt.
Brady.	Mathes.
Carpenter	Melson.
of Dallas.	Montgomery.
Carter of Hays.	Morgan
Collins.	of Robertson.
Davenport.	Patman.
Faubion.	Pinkston.
Green.	Purl.
Hull.	Quaid.
Johnson.	Russell of Trinity.
Kemble.	Satterwhite.
Lackey.	Sparkman.
Lewis.	Turner.
McDaniel.	Westbrook.
McDonald.	Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Perdue.
Blount.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Fugler.	of Callahan.
Harrington.	Smith.
Harris.	Stell.
Henderson	Stiernberg.
of Marion.	Strickland.
Lusk.	Wilmons.

HOUSE BILL NO. 234 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House,

on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Springlake Independent School District in Lamb county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the trustees thereof; providing for the election of its first board of trustees and their successors; providing that certain territory taken away from the Sudan Independent School District in Lamb county, Texas, and placed within the Springlake Independent School District shall remain chargeable with its pro rata part of any bonded indebtedness heretofore voted in said Sudan Independent School District; and providing that the Springlake Independent School District as herein created may as a whole vote to assume such pro rata part of said bonds; providing for the appointment of a board of equalization and tax assessor and collector for said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 432 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 432, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Green Lake Common School District No. 8 in Roberts county, Texas; defining its boundaries; investing said district with rights, privileges and duties of a common school district under the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 432 ON THIRD
READING.

Mr. Jennings moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 432 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—113.

Abney.
Amsler.Atkinson.
Baker of Milam.

Baker of Orange.	Lane.
Baldwin.	LeMaster.
Barker.	Lewis.
Barrett.	Loftin.
Beasley.	Looney.
Bell.	McBride.
Bird.	McFarlane.
Bonham.	McNatt.
Bryant.	Martin.
Burmeister.	Melson.
Cable.	Merritt.
Carpenter	Miller.
of Dallas.	Moore.
Carpenter	Morgan
of Matagorda.	of Liberty.
Carson.	Morgan
Carter of Coke.	of Robertson.
Chitwood.	Pate.
Coffee.	Patman.
Covey.	Patterson.
Cowen.	Pinkston.
Crawford.	Pool.
Culp.	Pope.
Davis.	Potter.
DeBerry.	Price.
Dielmann.	Purl.
Dinkle.	Quinn.
Dodd.	Rice.
Downs.	Robinson.
Driggers.	Rogers.
Duffey.	Rountree.
Dunlap.	Russell of Trinity.
Dunn.	Sanford.
Durham.	Satterwhite.
Edwards.	Shearer.
Faubion.	Shires.
Fields.	Simpson.
Finlay.	Sparkman.
Frnka.	Stevens.
Gipson.	Stewart
Green.	of Edwards.
Greer.	Stewart of Jasper.
Hardin of Erath.	Stewart of Reeves.
Hardin	Storey.
of Kaufman.	Stroder.
Henderson	Sweet.
of McLennan.	Teer.
Houston.	Thompson.
Howeth.	Thrasher.
Hughes.	Turner.
Hull.	Vaughan.
Irwin.	Wallace.
Jacks.	Wells.
Jennings.	Westbrook.
Jones.	Wessels.
Lackey.	Wilson.
Laird.	Winfree.
Lamb.	Young.

Absent.

Arnold.	Kemble.
Brady.	LeStourgeon.
Carter of Hays.	Lusk.
Collins.	McDaniel.
Davenport.	McDonald.
Johnson.	McKean.

Mathes.	Sackett.
Maxwell.	Stell.
Merriman.	Stiernberg.
Montgomery.	Strickland.
Quaid.	Williamson.
Rowland.	
Russell	
of Callahan.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Henderson
Blount.	of Marion.
Bobbitt.	Hendricks.
Fugler.	Perdue.
Harrington.	Smith.
Harris.	Wilmans.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 432 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—108.

Abney.	Finlay.
Amsler.	Frnka.
Arnold.	Gipson.
Atkinson.	Green.
Baker of Milam.	Greer.
Baker of Orange.	Hardin of Erath.
Baldwin.	Hardin
Barker.	of Kaufman.
Barrett.	Henderson
Beasley.	of McLennan.
Bell.	Hendricks.
Bird.	Houston.
Bonham.	Howeth.
Bryant.	Hughes.
Burmeister.	Hull.
Cable.	Jacks.
Carpenter	Jennings.
of Dallas.	Johnson.
Carpenter	Jones.
of Matagorda.	Lackey.
Carson.	Laird.
Carter of Coke.	Lamb.
Chitwood.	LeMaster.
Coffee.	LeStourgeon.
Covey.	Lewis.
Cowen.	Looney.
Crawford.	McBride.
Davis.	McFarlane.
DeBerry.	McNatt.
Dielmann.	Martin.
Dinkle.	Melson.
Dodd.	Merritt.
Downs.	Miller.
Driggers.	Moore.
Duffey.	Morgan
Dunlap.	of Liberty.
Dunn.	Morgan
Durham.	of Robertson.
Edwards.	Pate.
Faubion.	Patterson.
Fields.	Pinkston.

Pool.	Stewart of Jasper.
Pope.	Stewart of Reeves.
Potter.	Storey.
Purl.	Stroder.
Quinn.	Sweet.
Rice.	Teer.
Rountree.	Thompson.
Russell of Trinity.	Thrasher.
Sanford.	Turner.
Satterwhite.	Vaughan.
Shearer.	Wallace.
Shires.	Wells.
Simpson.	Westbrook.
Sparkman.	Wilson.
Stevens.	Winfree.
Stewart	Young.
of Edwards.	

Absent.

Brady.	Mathes.
Carter of Hays.	Maxwell.
Collins.	Merriman.
Culp.	Montgomery.
Davenport.	Patman.
Irwin.	Price.
Kemble.	Quaid.
Lane.	Robinson.
Loftin.	Rogers.
McDaniel.	Sackett.
McDonald.	Wessels.
McKean.	Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Perdue.
Blount.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Fugler.	of Callahan.
Harrington.	Smith.
Harris.	Stell.
Henderson	Stiernberg.
of Marion.	Strickland.
Lusk.	Wilmans.

HOUSE BILL NO. 308 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 308, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the selling of bass, perch, or cruppy, or catfish, taken from the fresh waters in the county of Comal, State of Texas; making it unlawful to use any dynamite or other explosives in the killing or catching of any fish of the fresh waters of said county, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof; prohibiting the use of any seine, drag net, trammel net or other net other than a minnow seine, which shall not be more than ten feet in length and the meshes of which shall not be smaller than one-fourth inch; providing for a closed season; prescribing the size of fish that may be

taken; limiting the number of bass to be taken in any one day; providing that the district judge of the judicial district in which Comal county is situated shall give a special charge upon this law to the grand juries of Comal county; providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Vaughan offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 308 by striking out the words "twenty-five" and "one hundred," in Section 7 of the bill, and in lieu thereof insert the words "ten" and "fifty," respectively; and by striking out the word "of," in line 2 of Section 9, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "or."

Amend House bill No. 308 by striking out of the first line of Section 1 the words "sell or offer for sale," and in lieu thereof insert the following: "barter or sell, or offer for barter or sale."

Amend House bill No. 308 by striking out the words "county of Comal" and "Comal county" wherever they appear in the caption of said bill, and in lieu thereof add "the counties of Comal, Guadalupe, Bexar, Kerr, Bandera and Real."

Amend House bill No. 308 by striking out the words "the county of Comal" and "Comal county" wherever they appear in the bill, and in lieu thereof insert "the counties of Comal, Guadalupe, Bexar, Bandera and Real."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 308 was then finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas—101.

Mr. Speaker.	Chitwood.
Abney.	Coffee.
Amsler.	Cowen.
Arnold.	Crawford.
Atkinson.	Culp.
Baker of Milam.	Davis.
Baker of Orange.	DeBerry.
Baldwin.	Dielmann.
Barker.	Dinkle.
Barrett.	Dodd.
Beasley.	Downs.
Bell.	Driggers.
Bird.	Duffey.
Bryant.	Dunlap.
Burmeister.	Dunn.
Cable.	Faubion.
Carpenter	Finlay.
of Matagorda.	Frnka.
Carson.	Gipson.

Green.	Pinkston.
Greer.	Pool.
Hardin of Erath.	Pope.
Henderson	Potter.
of McLennan.	Price.
Hendricks.	Purl.
Houston.	Quinn.
Howeth.	Rice.
Hughes.	Robinson.
Hull.	Rogers.
Irwin.	Rountree.
Jacks.	Russell of Trinity.
Jennings.	Sackett.
Johnson.	Sanford.
Jones.	Shearer.
Lackey.	Shires.
Laird.	Simpson.
Lamb.	Stevens.
Lane.	Stewart
LeStourgeon.	of Edwards.
Lewis.	Stewart of Jasper.
McBride.	Stewart of Reeves.
McFarlane.	Storey.
McNatt.	Sweet.
Martin.	Teer.
Maxwell.	Thompson.
Melson.	Turner.
Merriman.	Vaughan.
Merritt.	Wallace.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Morgan	Wessels.
of Liberty.	Wilson.
Patman.	Young.
Patterson.	

Present—Not Voting.

Carter of Coke. Looney.

Absent.

Blount.	McDonald.
Bonham.	McKean.
Brady.	Mathes.
Carpenter	Montgomery.
of Dallas.	Moore.
Carter of Hays.	Morgan
Collins.	of Robertson.
Covey.	Pate.
Davenport.	Perdue.
Durham.	Quaid.
Edwards.	Satterwhite.
Fields.	Smith.
Fugler.	Sparkman.
Hardin	Stroder.
of Kaufman.	Thrasher.
Henderson	Wells.
of Marion.	Williamson.
Kemble.	Wilmans.
LeMaster.	Winfree.
Loftin.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Harris.
Bobbitt.	Lusk.
Harrington.	McDaniel.

Rowland.	Stell.
Russell	Stiernberg.
of Callahan.	Strickland.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 45, "An Act to amend Article 6938 of the Revised Statutes of 1911, so as to require the marking of highway intersections and authorizing commissioners courts to have same marked by advertising concerns; prescribing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 130, "An Act to amend Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter 8 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, approved February 12, 1915, which is entitled 'An Act to reorganize the Thirteenth Judicial District of Texas, and to create the Seventy-seventh Judicial District; and to fix the time of holding courts in said districts; and to provide for organizing grand juries at certain terms in said courts; and to provide for the appointment of a judge of the Seventy-seventh Judicial District, and to continue in office the judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District; the office of district attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial District is hereby abolished and the county attorney of said county shall perform the duties of said district attorney, and district attorney for said district, as district attorney of said Seventy-seventh Judicial District, and the clerks of the district courts in the several counties of said districts; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,' so as to read as follows, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 106, "An Act to repeal Article 473 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, being a part of Section 9, Chapter 15, of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-first Legislature in its Regular Session in 1909, and being Senate bill No. 4, said Article 473 being that portion of Section 9, Chapter 15, of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-first Legislature at its Regular Session in 1909, reading as follows: Whenever any such State bank whose property and business the commissioner has taken possession as aforesaid, deems itself aggrieved thereby, it may at any time apply to the district court, if in session,

or to the judge thereof, if in vacation, of the district in which such bank is located and transacting business, to enjoin further proceedings, and said court, if in session, or the judge thereof, if in vacation, after citing the commissioner to show cause why further proceedings should not be enjoined, and hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties and determining the facts, may upon the merits dismiss such application or enjoin the commissioner from further proceedings, and direct him to surrender such business and property to such State bank, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 4, "An Act to establish and maintain a horticultural and agricultural experiment station in the citrus belt of Cameron or Hidalgo county, Texas, authorizing the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to select a suitable location for said station, and empowering said board to establish and maintain the same; to accept donations of lands, water and money for the establishment of said station, making an appropriation to pay the cost of establishing said station, and for the operation of the same, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 127, "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 8 of the General Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, reorganizing the Thirteenth Judicial District of Texas; providing for terms of court and the organization of juries, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 99, "An Act to validate, ratify and confirm unto Michael B. Menard, his heirs and assigns the title to the Michael B. Menard one league survey of land located in San Jacinto county, Texas, as described in the field notes thereof made by Arthur Hendrie, surveyor, on the 2nd day of June, 1835, and now on file in the General Land Office of the State of Texas, and as delineated on the official land map of the General Land Office of the State for lands located in said San Jacinto county, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 109, "An Act to amend Section 31 of Chapter 15, being Senate bill No. 4 of the Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, passed at its Second Called Session in 1909, and being Article 515, Vernon Sayles' Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and Article 522 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, providing that all State banks or State bank and trust

companies provided for in said act shall have the right to use any truthful method of advertising, prohibiting the use of any untruthful statements of advertising as to the guaranty fund system of the State banks of Texas, or the bond security plan of the State banks of Texas, empowering the Banking Commissioner to enforce this law, fixing penalties for its violation, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 445 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 445, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 16 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature at its First Called Session, changing the time of holding courts in the Thirty-third Judicial District of Texas by providing that said court shall hold three terms of two weeks each in Gillespie county, and by providing that the two terms of said court to be held in Burnet county may continue in session for three weeks each, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and creating an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 455 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 455, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 96 of the Special Law passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and now recreating the Sharp Independent School District in Milam county, Texas, and placing said district under the general laws governing the school districts incorporated for school purposes only, under the general laws of Texas; providing for a board of trustees; providing that this act shall not invalidate local school taxes heretofore voted by the previously existing Common School District No. 76 of Milam county, nor of the previous Sharp Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 455 ON THIRD
READING.

Mr. Baker of Milam moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 455 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—107.

Abney.	Lane.
Amsler.	LeMaster.
Arnold.	LeSturgeon.
Atkinson.	Lewis.
Baker of Milam.	McBride.
Baldwin.	McDonald.
Barker.	McFarlane.
Beasley.	McKean.
Bell.	McNatt.
Bird.	Martin.
Bonham.	Maxwell.
Bryant.	Melson.
Burmeister.	Merriman.
Cable.	Merritt.
Carpenter	Miller.
of Dallas.	Moore.
Carson.	Morgan
Carter of Coke.	of Liberty.
Chitwood.	Morgan
Coffee.	of Robertson.
Collins.	Patman.
Cowen.	Patterson.
Davis.	Pinkston.
DeBerry.	Pope.
Dielmann.	Potter.
Dinkle.	Price.
Dodd.	Purl.
Downs.	Quinn.
Driggers.	Rice.
Duffey.	Robinson.
Dunlap.	Rogers.
Dunn.	Rountree.
Edwards.	Russell of Trinity.
Faubion.	Sackett.
Fields.	Sanford.
Finlay.	Satterwhite.
Frnka.	Shearer.
Gipson.	Shires.
Greer.	Simpson.
Hardin	Sparkman.
of Kaufman.	Stevens.
Henderson	Stewart
of McLennan.	of Edwards.
Houston.	Stewart of Jasper.
Howeth.	Stewart of Reeves.
Hughes.	Storey.
Hull.	Stroder.
Irwin.	Sweet.
Jacks.	Teer.
Jennings.	Thompson.
Johnson.	Thrasher.
Lackey.	Turner.
Laird.	Vaughan.
Lamb.	Wallace.

Wells.
Wessels.
Wilson.

Winfree.
Young.

Absent.

Baker of Orange.	Henderson
Barrett.	of Marion.
Blount.	Jones.
Brady.	Kemble.
Carpenter	Loftin.
of Matagorda.	Looney.
Carter of Hays.	Mathes.
Covey.	Montgomery.
Crawford.	Pate.
Culp.	Perdue.
Davenport.	Pool.
Durham.	Quaid.
Fugler.	Smith.
Green.	Westbrook.
Hardin of Erath.	Williamson.
Hendricks.	Wilmans.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 455 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—110.

Abney.	Dodd.
Amsler.	Downs.
Arnold.	Driggers.
Atkinson.	Duffey.
Baker of Milam.	Dunlap.
Baldwin.	Dunn.
Barker.	Edwards.
Barrett.	Faubion.
Beasley.	Fields.
Bell.	Finlay.
Bird.	Frnka.
Bonham.	Gipson.
Bryant.	Greer.
Burmeister.	Hardin of Erath.
Cable.	Hardin
Carpenter	of Kaufman.
of Dallas.	Henderson
Carson.	of McLennan.
Carter of Coke.	Houston.
Chitwood.	Howeth.
Coffee.	Hughes.
Collins.	Hull.
Cowen.	Irwin.
Crawford.	Jacks.
Davis.	Jennings.
DeBerry.	Lackey.
Dielmann.	Laird.
Dinkle.	Lamb.

Lane.
LeMaster.
LeSturgeon.
Lewis.
Looney.
McBride.
McDonald.
McFarlane.
McNatt.
Martin.
Maxwell.
Melson.
Merriman.
Merritt.
Miller.
Moore.
Morgan
of Liberty.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Patman.
Patterson.
Pinkston.
Pool.
Pope.
Potter.
Price.
Purl.
Quinn.
Rice.

Absent.

Baker of Orange. Johnson.
Blount. Jones.
Brady. Kemble.
Carpenter Loftin.
of Matagorda. McDaniel.
Carter of Hays. McKean.
Covey. Mathes.
Culp. Montgomery.
Davenport. Pate.
Durham. Perdue.
Fugler. Quaid.
Green. Rogers.
Henderson Smith.
of Marion. Williamson.
Hendricks. Wilmans.

Absent—Excused.

Avis. Russell
Bobbitt. of Callahan.
Harrington. Stell.
Harris. Stiernberg.
Lusk. Strickland.
Rowland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 456 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House,
on its second reading and passage to
engrossment,

H. B. No. 456. A bill to be entitled
"An Act transferring certain lands
from Johnson Independent School Dis-
trict in Terry county, Texas, to and

Robinson.
Rountree.
Russell of Trinity.
Sackett.
Sanford.
Satterwhite.
Shearer.
Shires.
Simpson.
Sparkman.
Stevens.
Stewart
of Edwards.
Stewart of Jasper.
Stewart of Reeves.
Storey.
Stroder.
Sweet.
Teer.
Thompson.
Thrasher.
Turner.
Vaughan.
Wallace.
Wells.
Westbrook.
Wessels.
Wilson.
Winfree.
Young.

making same a part of Harris Common
School District No. 18 in Terry county,
Texas; providing that the county school
trustees of Terry county shall re-define
the boundaries of said Johnson Inde-
pendent School District and Harris
Common School District No. 18 and
cause correct field notes of each of said
districts to be recorded in the proper
records of Terry county, and declaring
an emergency."

The bill was read second time and
was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 456 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the consti-
tutional rule requiring bills to be read
on three several days be suspended and
that House bill No. 456 be placed on its
third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the follow-
ing vote:

Yeas—110.

Abney.	Finlay.
Amsler.	Frnka.
Arnold.	Gipson.
Atkinson.	Greer.
Baker of Milam.	Hardin of Erath.
Baldwin.	Hardin
Barker.	of Kaufman.
Barrett.	Henderson
Beasley.	of McLennan.
Bell.	Hendricks.
Bird.	Houston.
Bonham.	Howeth.
Bryant.	Hughes.
Burmeister.	Hull.
Cable.	Irwin.
Carpenter	Jacks.
of Dallas.	Jennings.
Carson.	Lackey.
Carter of Coke.	Laird.
Chitwood.	Lamb.
Coffee.	Lane.
Collins.	LeMaster.
Cowen.	LeSturgeon.
Crawford.	Lewis.
Culp.	McBride.
Davis.	McDonald.
DeBerry.	McFarlane.
Dielmann.	McNatt.
Dinkle.	Martin.
Dodd.	Maxwell.
Downs.	Melson.
Driggers.	Merritt.
Duffey.	Miller.
Dunlap.	Moore.
Dunn.	Morgan
Durham.	of Liberty.
Edwards.	Morgan
Faubion.	of Robertson.
Fields.	Patterson.

Pinkston.	Stewart
Pool.	of Edwards.
Pope.	Stewart of Jasper.
Potter.	Stewart of Reeves.
Price.	Storey.
Purl.	Stroder.
Quinn.	Sweet.
Rice.	Teer.
Robinson.	Thompson.
Rountree.	Thrasher.
Russell of Trinity.	Turner.
Sackett.	Vaughan.
Sanford.	Wallace.
Satterwhite.	Wells.
Shearer.	Westbrook.
Shires.	Wessels.
Simpson.	Wilson.
Sparkman.	Winfree.
Stevens.	Young.

Asent.

Baker of Orange.	Loftin.
Blount.	Looney.
Brady.	McKean.
Carpenter	Mathes.
of Matagorda.	Merriman.
Carter of Hays.	Montgomery.
Covey.	Pate.
Davenport.	Patman.
Fugler.	Perdue.
Green.	Quaid.
Henderson	Rogers.
of Marion.	Smith.
Johnson.	Williamson.
Jones.	Wilmans.
Kemble.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

The Speaker then laid the bill before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Abney.	Carpenter
Amsler.	of Dallas.
Arnold.	Carson.
Atkinson.	Carter of Coke.
Baker of Milam.	Chitwood.
Baldwin.	Coffee.
Barker.	Collins.
Barrett.	Cowen.
Beasley.	Crawford.
Bell.	Culp.
Bryant.	Davis.
Burmeister.	DeBerry.
Cable.	Dielmann.

Dinkle.	Moore.
Dodd.	Morgan
Downs.	of Liberty.
Driggers.	Morgan
Duffey.	of Robertson.
Dunlap.	Patterson.
Edwards.	Pinkston.
Faubion.	Pool.
Fields.	Pope.
Finlay.	Potter.
Frnka.	Price.
Gipson.	Purl.
Greer.	Quinn.
Hardin of Erath.	Rice.
Hardin	Robinson.
of Kaufman.	Rountree.
Henderson	Russell of Trinity.
of McLennan.	Sackett.
Houston.	Sanford.
Howeth.	Satterwhite.
Hughes.	Shearer.
Hull.	Shires.
Irwin.	Simpson.
Jacks.	Sparkman.
Jennings.	Stevens.
Johnson.	Stewart
Lackey.	of Edwards.
Laird.	Stewart of Jasper.
Lamb.	Stewart of Reeves.
Lane.	Storey.
LeMaster.	Stroder.
LeStourgeon.	Sweet.
Lewis.	Teer.
Looney.	Thompson.
McBride.	Thrasher.
McFarlane.	Turner.
McKean.	Vaughan.
McNatt.	Wells.
Martin.	Wessels.
Maxwell.	Wilson.
Melson.	Winfree.
Merritt.	Young.
Miller.	

Absent.

Baker of Orange.	Jones.
Bird.	Kemble.
Blount.	Loftin.
Bonham.	McDonald.
Brady.	Mathes.
Carpenter	Merriman.
of Matagorda.	Montgomery.
Carter of Hays.	Pate.
Covey.	Patman.
Davenport.	Perdue.
Dunn.	Quaid.
Durham.	Rogers.
Fugler.	Smith.
Green.	Wallace.
Henderson	Westbrook.
of Marion.	Williamson.
Hendricks.	Wilmans.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Harrington.
Bobbitt.	Harris.

Lusk.
McDaniel.
Rowland.
Russell
of Callahan.

Stell.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 476 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 476, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 30 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, which chapter relates to the jurisdiction of the county court of Edwards county, and which vested in the county court of said county civil and criminal jurisdiction as provided by general law for county courts; and reviving any and all laws which stand repealed by reason of said Chapter 30, General Laws, Regular Session, Thirty-seventh Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 477 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 477, A bill to be entitled "An Act taking certain territory from the Estelline Independent School District in Hall county, and from Parnell Common School District No. 18 in Hall county and adding same to Hulver Common School District No. 5 in Hall county; providing for an election at which the qualified taxpaying voters of said Hulver District as thus enlarged, may determine whether it shall assume and be taxed to pay the pro rata portion of taxes, which the said territory taken from said adjacent districts may be subject to on account of any outstanding schoolhouse bond issues previously made by such districts, and whether the property in said Hulver District, as enlarged, shall all be subject to any special school taxes previously voted by said Hulver District, and whether the property of such district, as so enlarged, shall be subject to taxes for the support of any previous bond issue by said Hulver District; providing for the defining of the boundary lines of said district, as thus enlarged; specifying the jurisdiction which the county board of school

trustees shall have with respect to the boundaries and territory of such enlarged district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 477 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Bryant moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that House bill No. 477 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—110.

Abney.	Houston.
Amsler.	Howeth.
Atkinson.	Hughes.
Baker of Milam.	Hull.
Baldwin.	Irwin.
Barker.	Jacks.
Barrett.	Jennings.
Beasley.	Johnson.
Bell.	Jones.
Bird.	Lackey.
Bonham.	Laird.
Bryant.	Lamb.
Burmeister.	Lane.
Cable.	LeSturgeon.
Carpenter	Lewis.
of Dallas.	Looney.
Carson.	McBride.
Carter of Coke.	McDonald.
Chitwood.	McFarlane.
Coffee.	McNatt.
Collins.	Martin.
Cowen.	Maxwell.
Crawford.	Melson.
Culp.	Merriman.
Davis.	Merritt.
DeBerry.	Miller.
Dielmann.	Moore.
Dinkle.	Morgan
Dodd.	of Liberty.
Downs.	Morgan
Driggers.	of Robertson.
Duffey.	Patman.
Dunlap.	Patterson.
Dunn.	Pinkston.
Faubion.	Pool.
Fields.	Pope.
Finlay.	Potter.
Frnka.	Price.
Gipson.	Purl.
Greer.	Quinn.
Hardin of Erath.	Rice.
Hardin	Robinson.
of Kaufman.	Rountree.
Henderson	Russell of Trinity.
of McLennan.	Sackett.
Hendricks.	Sanford.

Satterwhite.	Sweet.
Shearer.	Teer.
Shires.	Thompson.
Simpson.	Thrasher.
Sparkman.	Turner.
Stevens.	Vaughan.
Stewart	Wells.
of Edwards.	Westbrook.
Stewart of Jasper.	Wessels.
Stewart of Reeves.	Wilson.
Storey.	Winfree.
Stroder.	Young.

Asent.

Arnold.	Kemble.
Baker of Orange.	LeMaster.
Blount.	Loftin.
Brady.	McKean.
Carpenter	Mathes.
of Matagorda.	Montgomery.
Carter of Hays.	Pate.
Covey.	Perdue.
Davenport.	Quaid.
Durham.	Rogers.
Edwards.	Smith.
Fugler.	Wallace.
Green.	Williamson.
Henderson	Wilmans.
of Marion.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 477 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—103.

Abney.	Davis.
Amsler.	DeBerry.
Atkinson.	Dielmann.
Baker of Milam.	Dinkle.
Baldwin.	Dodd.
Barrett.	Downs.
Beasley.	Driggers.
Bell.	Duffey.
Bird.	Dunlap.
Bryant.	Dunn.
Burmeister.	Fields.
Cable.	Finlay.
Carson.	Frnka.
Carter of Coke.	Gipson.
Chitwood.	Green.
Coffee.	Greer.
Collins.	Hardin
Cowen.	of Kaufman.
Crawford.	Henderson
Culp.	of McLennan.

Hendricks.	Potter.
Houston.	Price.
Howeth.	Purl.
Hughes.	Quinn.
Hull.	Rice.
Irwin.	Robinson.
Jacks.	Rountree.
Jennings.	Russell of Trinity.
Jones.	Sackett.
Lackey.	Sanford.
Laird.	Shearer.
Lamb.	Shires.
Lane.	Simpson.
LeStourgeon.	Sparkman.
Lewis.	Stevens.
Loftin.	Stewart
Looney.	of Edwards.
McBride.	Stewart of Jasper.
McFarlane.	Stewart of Reeves.
McNatt.	Storey.
Martin.	Stroder.
Maxwell.	Sweet.
Merriman.	Teer.
Merritt.	Thompson.
Miller.	Thrasher.
Moore.	Turner.
Morgan	Vaughan.
of Liberty.	Wallace.
Morgan	Wells.
of Robertson.	Westbrook.
Patman.	Wessels.
Patterson.	Wilson.
Pinkston.	Winfree.
Pool.	Young.
Pope.	

Absent.

Arnold.	Henderson
Baker of Orange.	of Marion.
Barker.	Johnson.
Blount.	Kemble.
Bonham.	LeMaster.
Brady.	McDonald.
Carpenter	McKean.
of Dallas.	Mathes.
Carpenter	Melson.
of Matagorda.	Montgomery.
Carter of Hays.	Pate.
Covey.	Perdue.
Davenport.	Quaid.
Durham.	Rogers.
Edwards.	Satterwhite.
Faubion.	Smith.
Fugler.	Williamson.
Hardin of Erath.	Wilmans.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 478 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House,

on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 478, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Riverdale Independent School District in Goliad county, and to provide for a board of trustees and other officers of such district, to authorize the board of trustees to levy and assess and collect special taxes, and to issue and dispose of bonds of such district for the purpose of purchasing school sites, and erecting, repairing, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to pay current expenses in the maintenance and support of the public schools therein, and to further prescribe the duties and authority of the board of trustees, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 478 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Carter of Coke, by unanimous consent, moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that House bill No. 478 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Abney.	Dunn.
Amsler.	Durham.
Atkinson.	Faubion.
Baldwin.	Fields.
Barrett.	Finlay.
Beasley.	Frnka.
Bird.	Green.
Bonham.	Greer.
Bryant.	Hardin of Erath.
Burmeister.	Hardin
Cable.	of Kaufman.
Carpenter	Henderson
of Matagorda.	of McLennan.
Carson.	Hendricks.
Carter of Coke.	Houston.
Coffee.	Howeth.
Collins.	Hughes.
Cowen.	Hull.
Crawford.	Irwin.
Davis.	Jacks.
DeBerry.	Jennings.
Dielmann.	Johnson.
Dinkle.	Jones.
Dodd.	Lackey.
Downs.	Laird.
Driggers.	Lamb.
Duffey.	Lane.
Dunlap.	LeStourgeon.

Lewis.	Robinson.
Loftin.	Rountree.
Looney.	Russell of Trinity.
McBride.	Sackett.
McFarlane.	Sanford.
McNatt.	Shearer.
Martin.	Simpson.
Melson.	Sparkman.
Merriman.	Stevens.
Merritt.	Stewart
Miller.	of Edwards.
Moore.	Stewart of Jasper.
Morgan	Stewart of Reeves.
of Liberty.	Storey.
Morgan	Stroder.
of Robertson.	Thompson.
Patman.	Thrasher.
Patterson.	Turner.
Pinkston.	Vaughan.
Pool.	Wallace.
Pope.	Wells.
Potter.	Westbrook.
Price.	Wessels.
Purl.	Wilson.
Quinn.	Winfree.
Rice.	Young.

Absent.

Arnold.	Kemble.
Baker of Milam.	LeMaster.
Baker of Orange.	McDonald.
Barker.	McKean.
Bell.	Mathes.
Bobbitt.	Maxwell.
Brady.	Montgomery.
Carpenter	Pate.
of Dallas.	Perdue.
Carter of Hays.	Quaid.
Chitwood.	Rogers.
Covey.	Satterwhite.
Culp.	Shires.
Davenport.	Smith.
Edwards.	Sweet.
Fugler.	Teer.
Gipson.	Williamson.
Henderson	Wilmans.
of Marion.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Blount.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 478 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—104.

Abney.	Atkinson.
Amsler.	Baker of Milam.

Baldwin.	Lewis.
Barrett.	Loftin.
Bell.	Looney.
Bird.	McBride.
Bonham.	McFarlane.
Bryant.	McNatt.
Burmeister.	Martin.
Cable.	Maxwell.
Carpenter	Melson.
of Dallas.	Merriman.
Carpenter	Merritt.
of Matagorda.	Miller.
Carson.	Moore.
Carter of Coke.	Morgan
Chitwood.	of Liberty.
Coffee.	Morgan
Collins.	of Robertson.
Cowen.	Patman.
Crawford.	Patterson.
Culp.	Pinkston.
Davis.	Pool.
DeBerry.	Pope.
Dielmann.	Potter.
Dinkle.	Price.
Dodd.	Purl.
Downs.	Quinn.
Driggers.	Rice.
Duffey.	Robinson.
Dunlap.	Rountree.
Dunn.	Russell of Trinity.
Durham.	Sackett.
Fields.	Sanford.
Finlay.	Satterwhite.
Frnka.	Shearer.
Green.	Simpson.
Greer.	Sparkman.
Hardin of Erath.	Stewart
Hardin	of Edwards.
of Kaufman.	Stewart of Jasper.
Henderson	Stewart of Reeves.
of McLennan.	Storey.
Hendricks.	Stroder.
Houston.	Sweet.
Howeth.	Thompson.
Hughes.	Thrasher.
Hull.	Turner.
Irwin.	Vaughan.
Jacks.	Wallace.
Jennings.	Wells.
Lackey.	Westbrook.
Laird.	Wessels.
Lamb.	Wilson.
Lane.	Winfree.
LeSturgeon.	Young.

Absent.

Arnold.	Faubion.
Baker of Orange.	Fugler.
Barker.	Gipson.
Beasley.	Henderson
Blount.	of Marion.
Brady.	Johnson.
Carter of Hays.	Jones.
Covey.	Kemble.
Davenport.	LeMaster.
Edwards.	McDonald.

McKean.	Russell
Mathes.	of Callahan.
Montgomery.	Shires.
Pate.	Smith.
Perdue.	Stevens.
Quaid.	Teer.
Rogers.	Williamson.
Rowland.	Wilmans.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	McDaniel.
Bobbitt.	Stell.
Harrington.	Stiernberg.
Harris.	Strickland.
Lusk.	

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Lackey, House bill No. 111 was set as a special order for 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

HOUSE BILL NO. 494 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 494, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Fayette county; providing for a systematic method of road maintenance in harmony with the Davidson-Perkins Patrol Act; adapting the patrol system to the special wants of the county; providing for a budget system for the road and bridge funds of the county; authorizing and directing the commissioners court to employ a practical road superintendent when in their judgment his services are necessary, and in the absence of such road superintendent making the commissioners such ex-officio road superintendent of his respective commissioners' precinct; prescribing the duties and liabilities of all persons subject to road duty; fixing penalties for the violation or neglect of such duty so imposed; providing that the act shall be cumulative to existing laws where not in conflict therewith; providing for power and procedure for the protection of roads and highways against unusually heavy traffic, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 499 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe closed seasons on quails and doves in Grayson and Collin counties; providing penalties for violation of same; providing that road runners of chapparals may be killed at any time, and providing that if any section or part of section of this act be declared unconstitutional, the remainder of such act shall remain in full force and effect adequate fees for the securing of convictions; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 504 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 405, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Southland Independent School District in the counties of Garza, Lynn and Lubbock, in the State of Texas; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes, and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Southland Independent School District shall assume and discharge its pro rata part of any and all bonds, indebtedness and interest thereon now in force against the Slaton Independent School District on terms named in this act; providing that said Southland Independent School District shall assume and discharge all bonds and indebtedness existing against any common school district whose lands are included within the boundaries of the district hereby created; validating and continuing in force any and all taxes heretofore voted and now in force in any of the territory included within the boundaries of Southland Independent School District as created by this act; providing that title to any and all property belonging to said district shall vest in the trustees of the independent school district hereby created; providing for filling vacancies on the board of trustees; providing for a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repeal-

ing all laws in conflict herewith; providing that invalidation by the courts of any section or provision of this act shall not invalidate any remaining provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 505 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 505, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Special Road Law for Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and known as Chapter 70, Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, by providing that delinquent poll tax payers of Smith county shall be subject to road duty; prescribing penalties for failure to work the roads; providing for the payment of a sum of money in lieu of such road duty; providing how the law is to be enforced, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 507 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 507, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Simmons Independent School District in Live Oak county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees; vesting title to all school property within said school district in the trustees, and their successors; charging said district with all indebtedness and the performance of all contracts of the school included within the district; providing that the board of trustees heretofore elected and now serving the Simmons Common School District No. 2, as now existing shall continue in office for the district hereby created until the expiration of their term and their successors shall have been elected and qualified; authorizing the trustees to exercise all the rights and powers conferred by general laws upon trustees of independent school districts created for school purposes only under the general laws; validating and continuing in force the local maintenance taxes heretofore voted

by the voters in the territory included within the district hereby created, by a uniform tax upon the whole district, increase or diminish the same, or until they abolish such taxes in accordance with the general statutes; providing that if any part of this act is held ineffective or unconstitutional, the remaining part of this act shall not be invalidated; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 508 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 508, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of an act creating the Poteet Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 23 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session; providing for the management and control of the public free schools within said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 509 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 509, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Levelland Independent School District, in Hockley county, Texas; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, terms of office, qualifications, powers, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes, and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Levelland Independent School District shall assume and discharge its pro rata part of the bonds and interest thereon now in force against the Ropes Independent School District on terms named in this act as well as its pro rata part of other indebtedness; continuing valid and binding obligations of said Ropes Independent School District; validating and continuing in force any and all taxes heretofore voted and now in force in any of the territory included

within the boundaries of Levelland Independent School District as created by this act; providing that title to any and all property belonging to said district shall vest in the trustees of the independent school district hereby created; providing for filling vacancies on the board of trustees; providing for a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; providing that invalidation by the courts of any section or provision of this act shall not invalidate any remaining provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 514 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 514, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 39, of Chapter 42, General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, relative to public roads and highways, so as to except and exempt from the provisions of said chapter the county of Cherokee, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 519 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 519, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating Consolidated Common School District No. 1 of Castro county, Texas, and validating an issue of bonds heretofore voted by said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 518 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 518, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Brackett Independent School District in Kinney county, Texas; defining its boundaries, including the Brackett Independent

School District; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; providing that the present board of trustees shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms and validating their elections; providing that outstanding bonds shall remain chargeable against the territory which voted same; providing for an election for the purpose of assuming said bonded indebtedness by the district as herein created; providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector and board of equalization for said district; repealing laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 528 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 528, A bill to be entitled "An Act taking certain territory from Common School District No. 16 of Baylor county and annexing the same to and making it a part of Common School District No. 14 of Baylor county, and taking the remainder of the territory of said Common School District No. 16 and annexing the same unto Megargel Independent School District of Archer county, and creating the said Megargel Independent School District into a county line independent school district; conferring upon the same the powers now enjoyed by said Megargel Independent School District, and in addition thereto all of the powers which may be enjoyed or exercised by a county line independent school district; and providing for an election to adjust the territory thus attached to said common school district, and the territory thus attached to said independent school district as to taxes which may be now levied upon said common school district and upon the property of said independent school district, and for an assumption by the said common school district and by said independent school district, respectively, of the pro rata taxes payable by said added territory on account of any outstanding bond

issues which may exist against said common school district and against said independent school district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

RELATING TO COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS IN DALLAS COUNTY.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter of Dallas, the following was ordered printed in the Journal:

Dallas, Texas, February 10, 1923.

Hon. Lewis T. Carpenter, Representative, Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carpenter: The various bills that have been suggested to the Legislature for creating additional Courts of Civil Appeals have been called to my attention, and the matter is of so much importance that I feel I should communicate to you my views on the subject.

The nine Courts of Civil Appeals as now constituted are allowed by law only one stenographer for each court, and therefore each judge has to be his own law clerk and stenographer during the three days in which cases which have been submitted must be developed for consultation day, which is Thursday, in the court for the Fifth District. Most of this day is usually consumed in consulting over cases submitted for decision. The next day is motion day, motions being submitted, often argued, and always taken into consultation for decision. Saturday is submission and opinion day, and as a rule is fully occupied. During Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—the three days the judges have to study and develop cases submitted—they, of course, work independently of one another, and as a rule final opinions are not dictated until after consultation, and are never handed down until after agreement in consultation.

The above shows how the time of the judges is occupied, having only one stenographer, at best only one judge could have the benefit of the assistance of the stenographer in the work of developing the cases, and the preparation of his tentative opinion. However, as it is the stenographer is generally busy writing opinions or attending to other duties brought over from the preceding week. It is not more courts of civil appeals but more stenographers that are needed.

The judges of our Supreme Court have

each a law clerk and a stenographer. Therefore they are able to turn out with greater efficiency 100 per cent more cases than they would otherwise be able to do without such assistance. If each one of the judges of the nine Courts of Civil Appeals only had a stenographer, the courts in all probability would turn out 100 per cent more work than they have been able to do. I am sure they could do at least 50 per cent more, which would soon enable the courts to catch up with the overcrowded dockets—say within two years—so that a case would be disposed of within three months after reaching the court. To illustrate, last year nine Courts of Civil Appeals disposed of in the aggregate about 1450 cases, being an average of about 150 cases for each court. When the courts adjourned there remained on hand about 500 cases which were undisposed of, being a little more than one-third of the cases disposed of by the courts. Therefore, it is apparent that if the judges had had the necessary stenographic assistance, in all probability not a case would have been left on the docket that had not been reached for submission.

The cost of furnishing the nine courts with the two additional stenographers, eighteen in all, would be \$27,000. The cost of an additional court, which would furnish only one-third of the needed relief, would be: salary for three judges, \$15,000; clerk, \$3500; deputy clerk, \$1200; janitor, court bailiff and librarian, \$1000; incidental expenses allowance, \$5000, aggregating \$21,200. These expenses for only one additional court is only \$5800 less than the cost of eighteen additional stenographers, and will not furnish quite one-third the benefits that would accrue from the assistance of the eighteen additional stenographers.

If the Legislature cannot be induced to see the wisdom of furnishing the much needed court relief by providing for the eighteen additional stenographers, then we suggest the following: Almost all of the cases transferred to other Courts of Civil Appeals are from the Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin courts, and if the judges of those courts each had a stenographer they would be able to dispose of 80 per cent of the cases that would otherwise be transferred, and probably in two years be able to take care of all the business coming before their respective courts. This would cost only \$9000 as against the \$21,200 cost of an additional court

which would not give more than one-third of the needed relief. If the Legislature would give the nine Courts of Civil Appeals the same assistance now enjoyed by the judges of the Supreme Court, each Court of Civil Appeals would perform as much service as the Supreme Court.

In view of the great public importance of such a measure, I wish that you would, with the co-operation of the other representatives from Dallas county, prepare a bill giving the needed relief and introduce it in the House.

With best personal regards, I am, sincerely your friend,

R. M. VAUGHAN.

RELATING TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. Rountree, by unanimous consent, the following document was ordered printed in the Journal:

Democratic Platform Plank.

Adopted at the State Democratic convention at San Antonio, Texas, in September, 1922, were the following words of plank number 27: "We favor a convention for the writing of a new Constitution for the State of Texas."

A New Constitution.

In an address to the people of Texas in December, 1922, Governor Pat M. Neff said:

"With this brief backward look into the constitutional life of Texas since the days of the Republic, I raise with you tonight the practical question whether it is wise for the people of Texas, in this progressive age and rapidly developing State, to continue doing business under the limitations and inhibitions of a Constitution written nearly fifty years ago. Can we afford to sew the newly-woven cloth of 1923 on to the old garments of 1876? Is it not reasonable to suppose that Texas has outgrown her swaddling clothes of half a century ago?

"The people have the inalienable right, from time to time, to pass on the fundamentals of their government. While our Constitution is silent as to this, the Constitutions of many States require a constitutional convention at regular specified intervals. New Hampshire requires a new convention every seven years; Iowa every ten years; Michigan every sixteen years; Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma and New York once in

every twenty years. These are old States. Texas is a new country, larger than all these States combined, rapidly developing with different and diversified interests, and yet the people of Texas have had no opportunity to pass on the fundamentals of their government for nearly a half century.

Other States Have New Constitutions.

"A large majority of the States have adopted new constitutions since we wrote ours in 1876. Our neighboring States, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico, have constitutions in keeping with modern civilization. Virginia, South Carolina, Michigan, New York and other States have written new constitutions long since we adopted ours.

"For forty years conservative thinkers have registered their dissatisfaction with our present Constitution. It is too long and detailed. It constitutes a volume of 30,000 words, while the United States Constitution has only about 7000 words. Richard Coke, while Governor, declared it was a hindrance to our growth. Business men have found in its limitations barriers to our material development. During all these years into every Legislature has been poured, as into a hopper, suggested constitutional amendments. Every Legislature, except two, for forty-two years, has submitted to the people constitutional amendments, varying from one to thirteen, aggregating in all, ninety-one amendments. Thirty-eight of this number were accepted. This was patchwork. No one piece of cloth could be made to blend with or fit into the old garment. New goods have already been sewed on to forty sections of the old garment. Texas is entitled to a brand new suit from hat to boots. The increased demand for change in our constitutional thou-shalt-nots is evidenced by the ever-increasing number of amendments each year introduced. Three years ago the Legislature submitted thirteen amendments, only three of which were ratified by the voters. The voters of Texas have spent about half a million dollars holding elections to pass on constitutional amendments. The State in the matter of road building, jurisprudence and education is hobbled and hamstrung by the limitation, inhibition and prohibition of a Constitution written by sound statesmen, fifty years ago, who could not then have anticipated this mighty complex, complicated civilization of ours. Their

imagination could not have pictured the many problems that now knock for solution at the door of legislative consideration. In short, the big, husky boy of 1923 is now, and will be in the years to come, cramped in his youthful suit of 1876. Not only is it unwise to put new cloth onto old garments, but it is impossible to make a suit of clothes that will fit, for fifty years, a growing giant. I am for a constitutional convention, to write, in the light and learning of this generation, a new Constitution for Texas. If it is good when written, the people will go to the polls and adopt it; if bad, the people will reject it. To pass on an entire Constitution will be no more expensive than to hold an election on an amendment which we do almost every year.

"When our present Constitution was written we had one lunatic asylum with a hundred or so inmates. At that time we had no institutions for the feeble-minded, no epileptic colony, no tubercular sanatorium, no Confederate Homes, no varied eleemosynary institutions, all filled with wards of the public maintained and cared for last year at an expenditure of over two million dollars. This recital of the growth of eleemosynary institutions for the care and maintenance of the unfortunates of the State is but suggestive of the growth of the entire machinery of the government, which cannot now be made to fit into the provisions of the Constitution written when these numerous institutions and departments of government were unknown."

HOUSE BILL NO. 292 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Gipson, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 292, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and amendments thereof, and by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 138, and providing that the board of directors of a water improvement district may exclude from same, without requiring an application therefor, lands which cannot be irrigated by gravity flow from the canal system as planned and constructed, and if the owner of such lands shall thereafter and within

one year elect to place said lands or part thereof in cultivation by use of water from said irrigation system by means other than provided at the time said lands were excluded, same may be again included in said district upon the application of the owner thereof made as provided by law, providing the manner of excluding and again including such lands in a district, also amending said act by amending Section 8, of Chapter 13, of the Acts of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, which act amended said Chapter 87, Acts of Regular Session, Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by said Section 8, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, and provides the manner and mode of levying and assessing taxes by such district which may adopt the assessment of benefit plan of taxation, and that such districts may, by election, adopt a uniform basis of benefits applying to all lands irrigated by gravity flow from the canal system, and for a different basis of assessment on uniform basis on all lands classed as non-irrigable by gravity flow, and providing that if lands so classed as non-irrigable are thereafter irrigated, the method of determining the amount of payments to be made thereon; the manner of adopting such assessments by election, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Gipson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 292, page 3, by striking out lines 35 to 38, inclusive, of the printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"In the event the plan of uniform acreage valuation for taxation is adopted as herein provided, the said valuation shall be applied to all such lands and it shall not be necessary for the assessor, or the board of equalization to annually fix the value thereof or equalize such values, except as herein provided, nor for the board of directors of the district to appoint a commission to ascertain or fix the value of the improvement to particular lands as in other cases provided. The board of equalization will examine the renditions and tax rolls to ascertain that all property subject to the tax is placed on such tax rolls under its proper classification and add any property thereto that may be left off such tax rolls or

that may not have been rendered for taxation and examine, correct and certify to said tax rolls. Any property owner may protest the classification of his lands as not being proper and the board of equalization shall fully consider such protest, hear evidence and enter their finding thereon in their minutes, in the same manner provided for protest in the case of the fixing of valuations upon property as provided by law.

"The rate of taxation, the collection of taxes, assessment of property, rendering of property for taxation, shall be made as now provided by law with reference to ad valorem taxes, except that only such lands shall be rendered or taxed, and in rendering same the value thereof shall not be stated and it shall not be necessary that the party rendering same shall make affidavit to the value thereof nor that the value thereof be stated by the tax assessor, but same shall be rendered as subject to irrigation or not subject irrigation."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 292 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 287 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Gipson, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that a water improvement district which has made and filed an application with the State Board of Water Engineers for the appropriation and use of water on certain defined lands and for the storage of the water of a stream and watershed and shall have been granted a permit therefor by the State Board of Water Engineers, and parts of said land for which such water was appropriated for irrigation are not included within such district granted such permit, but is included within another district, the said district to which said permit was granted may convey same and all rights granted by said permit in so far as same pertain to said lands to the district in which said lands are located, validating such permits, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 287 ON THIRD
READING.

Mr. Gipson moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 287 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Mr. Speaker.	Jacks.
Abney.	Jennings.
Amsler.	Lackey.
Arnold.	Laird.
Baker of Milam.	Lamb.
Baker of Orange.	Lane.
Baldwin.	LeMaster.
Barker.	LeSturgeon.
Barrett.	Lewis.
Beasley.	Loftin.
Bell.	Looney.
Bird.	McBride.
Bonham.	McDonald.
Bryant.	McFarlane.
Burmeister.	McKean.
Cable.	McNatt.
Carpenter	Martin.
of Dallas.	Mathes.
Carpenter	Melson.
of Matagorda.	Merriman.
Carson.	Merritt.
Coffee.	Miller.
Collins.	Moore.
Cowen.	Morgan
Crawford.	of Liberty.
Davis.	Patterson.
DeBerry.	Pope.
Dielmann.	Potter.
Dinkle.	Price.
Dodd.	Quinn.
Downs.	Rice.
Driggers.	Robinson.
Duffey.	Rogers.
Dunlap.	Rountree.
Dunn.	Russell of Trinity.
Durham.	Sackett.
Faubion.	Sanford.
Fields.	Shearer.
Finlay.	Shires.
Frnka.	Sparkman.
Gipson.	Stewart
Green.	of Edwards.
Greer.	Stewart of Jasper.
Hardin	Stewart of Reeves.
of Kaufman.	Storey.
Henderson	Stroder.
of Marion.	Thompson.
Henderson	Thrasher.
of McLennan.	Turner.
Hendricks.	Wells.
Houston.	Westbrook.
Howeth.	Wessels.
Hughes.	Winfree.
Irwin.	Young.

Absent.

Atkinson.	Pate.
Blount.	Perdue.
Brady.	Pinkston.
Carter of Coke.	Pool.
Carter of Hays.	Patman.
Chitwood.	Purl.
Covey.	Quaid.
Culp.	Satterwhite.
Davenport.	Simpson.
Edwards.	Smith.
Fugler.	Stevens.
Hardin of Erath.	Sweet.
Hull.	Teer.
Johnson.	Vaughan.
Jones.	Wallace.
Kemble.	Williamson.
Maxwell.	Wilmans.
Montgomery.	Wilson.
Morgan	
of Robertson.	

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 287 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Mr. Speaker.	Dielmann.
Abney.	Dinkle.
Amsler.	Dodd.
Arnold.	Downs.
Baker of Milam.	Driggers.
Baker of Orange.	Duffey.
Baldwin.	Dunlap.
Barker.	Dunn.
Barrett.	Durham.
Beasley.	Faubion.
Bell.	Fields.
Bird.	Finlay.
Bonham.	Gipson.
Bryant.	Green.
Burmeister.	Greer.
Cable.	Hardin
Carpenter	of Kaufman.
of Dallas.	Henderson
Carpenter	of Marion.
of Matagorda.	Henderson
Carson.	of McLennan.
Coffee.	Hendricks.
Collins.	Houston.
Cowen.	Howeth.
Crawford.	Hughes.
Davis.	Irwin.
DeBerry.	Jennings.

Lackey.	Rice.
Laird.	Robinson.
Lamb.	Rogers.
Lane.	Rountree.
LeMaster.	Russell of Trinity.
LeStourgeon.	Sackett.
Lewis.	Sanford.
Loftin.	Satterwhite.
Looney.	Shearer.
McBride.	Shires.
McDonald.	Sparkman.
McFarlane.	Stewart
McKean.	of Edwards.
McNatt.	Stewart of Jasper.
Mathes.	Stewart of Reeves.
Melson.	Storey.
Merriman.	Stroder.
Merritt.	Thompson.
Miller.	Thrasher.
Moore.	Turner.
Morgan	Wallace.
of Liberty.	Wells.
Patman.	Westbrook.
Perdue.	Wessels.
Pope.	Williamson.
Potter.	Winfree.
Price.	Young.
Quinn.	

Present—Not Voting.

Frnka.	Patterson.
Martin.	

Absent.

Atkinson.	Maxwell.
Blount.	Montgomery.
Brady.	Morgan
Carter of Coke.	of Robertson.
Carter of Hays.	Pate.
Chitwood.	Pinkston.
Covey.	Pool.
Culp.	Purl.
Davenport.	Quaid.
Edwards.	Simpson.
Fugler.	Smith.
Hardin of Erath.	Stevens.
Hull.	Sweet.
Jacks.	Teer.
Johnson.	Vaughan.
Jones.	Wilmans.
Kemble.	Wilson.

Absent—Excused.

Avis.	Rowland.
Bobbitt.	Russell
Harrington.	of Callahan.
Harris.	Stell.
Lusk.	Stiernberg.
McDaniel.	Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 38 ON ENGROSSMENT.

Mr. Bonham moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 38 was passed to engrossment.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. Bonham offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 38 by adding to Section 9 the following: "Provided that the maintenance school tax levied by the board of trustees of the Sinton Independent School District in 1922 on any of the territory of the said Sinton Independent School District now embraced and included in the Adams Independent School District hereby created, and such maintenance taxes only as were levied during the year 1922 by the board of trustees of the Sinton Independent School District shall, when collected, be delivered to the board of trustees of the Sinton Independent School District for its use and benefit."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 38 was then passed to engrossment.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Driggers, the House at 5:35 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committees have filed favorable reports on bills as follows:

State Affairs—House bills Nos. 520, 226, 319.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries—House bills Nos. 474, 514, 494, 265, 505.

Commerce and Manufactures—House bill No. 400.

Judicial Districts—Senate bill No. 228.

Appropriations—House bill No. 490.

Conservation and Reclamation—House bills Nos. 467, 469, 72.

Privileges, Suffrage and Elections—House bill No. 424.

School Districts—House bills Nos. 508, 504, 38, 509, 518, 206; Senate bills Nos. 204, 205.

Revenue and Taxation—House bill No. 203.

Education—House bills Nos. 480, 516.

The following committees have filed unfavorable reports on bills as follows:

Roads, Bridges and Ferries—House bill No. 448.

Revenue and Taxation—House bill No. 462.

Municipal and Private Corporations—
House bill No. 472.

Game and Fisheries—House bills Nos.
334, 402.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 13, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and com-
pared

H. B. No. 328, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to repeal Article 7383a as en-
acted by the Thirty-sixth Legislature,
relating to occupation taxes based upon
gross receipts, and adding in lieu thereof
a new Article 7383a, providing an occu-
pation tax on sulphur produced in the
State of Texas by individuals, companies,
corporations and associations; providing
that in the event of either or a part of
article be held unconstitutional by the
courts it shall not invalidate the re-
mainder of said article, and declaring
an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 13, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and com-
pared

H. B. No. 278, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to require the payment of in-
terest on certain deposits required from
water, light, gas and telephone com-
panies within this State; requiring the
making of annual reports; providing
penalties for violations hereof, and de-
claring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DINKLE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 13, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and com-
pared

H. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to prevent the selling of bass,
white perch, crappie, channel or other
cat fish in the counties of Burnet, Llano,
San Saba, Brown, McCulloch, Edwards,

Coleman, Concho, Menard, Blanco,
Gillespie, Kimble, Sutton, Kinney,
Uvalde, Real, Kerr, Val Verde, Bandera,
Kendall, Comal, Reeves, Ward, Loving,
and Pecos, State of Texas; prohibiting
the use of any seine, net, trap or other
device, for taking or catching fish other
than a minnow seine which shall not be
more than twenty feet in length; limit-
ing the size of fish which may be taken
with a minnow seine; making it un-
lawful to violate any of the provisions
of this law, and providing penalties for
the violation thereof; providing that the
district judge of the judicial districts
in which these counties are situated shall
give a special charge upon this law to
the grand juries of said counties, and
declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DINKLE, Chairman.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

(Thursday, February 15, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m.,
pursuant to adjournment, and was called
to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and the following
members were present:

Abney.	Davis.
Amsler.	DeBerry.
Arnold.	Dielmann.
Atkinson.	Dinkle.
Avis.	Dodd.
Baker of Milam.	Downs.
Baker of Orange.	Driggers.
Baldwin.	Duffey.
Barker.	Dunn.
Barrett.	Durham.
Beasley.	Edwards.
Bell.	Faubion.
Bird.	Fields.
Blount.	Finlay.
Bonham.	Frnka.
Brady.	Fugler.
Bryant.	Gipson.
Burmeister.	Green.
Cable.	Greer.
Carpenter	Hardin of Erath.
of Dallas.	Hardin
Carpenter	of Kaufman.
of Matagorda.	Henderson
Carson.	of Marion.
Carter of Coke.	Henderson
Chitwood.	of McLennan.
Coffee.	Hendricks.
Collins.	Houston.
Covey.	Howeth.
Cowen.	Hughes.
Crawford.	Hull.
Culp.	Irwin.
Davenport.	Jacks.